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• Injury

Student hospitalized after fall from window

Five-story plunge leaves 18-year-old in serious condition

By Melissa Paquette
City Editor

A University of Maine student who fell from the window of his fifth-floor dormitory room early Tuesday morning is in serious condition after undergoing surgery at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Matthew J. Peterson, 18, of Rumford, lives by himself in the double-occupancy room 406 in Androscoggin Hall.

The basement wall on the west side of Androscoggin is above ground because of the dormitory's location on a hill. Peterson plunged approximately 45 feet.

Barbara Smith, associate director of Campus Living and Residential Life, said she was told there was at least one other person in the room with Peterson when he fell.

Smith said she doesn't know

how Peterson fell out the window.

"No one has talked to him specifically to ask him this question," Smith said. "I'm referring to it as a very serious accident in which one was seriously injured."

Smith also said she doesn't know who made the 911 call, but said a resident assistant who lives next door to Peterson was the first to respond to the incident. She said the R.A. stayed with Peterson until UVAC arrived.

Public Safety is referring all inquiries about the incident to Joe Carr, a UMaine spokesman. Carr said police are waiting to talk to Peterson.

Scott McLellan, a senior wildlife ecology major, lives in 223 Gannet Hall, directly across from Androscoggin Hall. The buildings are separated by a quad.

McLellan said he heard glass breaking at about 1:30 a.m.

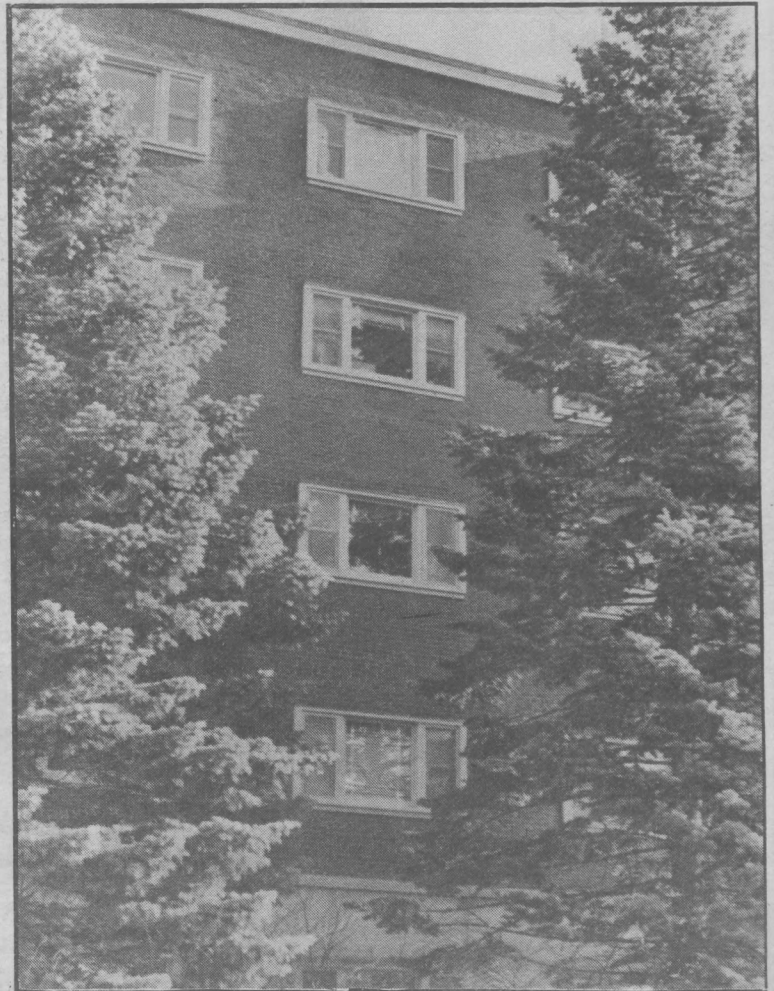
"It sounded like an empty bottle breaking on the street," McLellan said. "When I heard the sirens, though, I thought someone had gotten in a car accident."

Patrick Haney, a first-year student who lives in Stodder Hall, was visiting Phillip Savage of 103 Gannet Hall Monday night into Tuesday morning. Haney said he and Savage and another friend were in front of the Gannet Hall entrance that faces Androscoggin Hall when Peterson fell.

"We really didn't see anything, and we heard a crash," Haney said. "A couple of seconds later a guy came outside the side door (of Androscoggin Hall) and was yelling."

Haney said a small crowd gathered around the scene of the accident.

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The fifth-story window of Androscoggin Hall is boarded later Tuesday morning, after a student fell from the window and was seriously injured. (Joel Page Photo.)

• Multicultural

Downsizing, apathy hinder efforts to diversify

By Jeff Tuttle
Editor-in-Chief

Budget cuts and the resulting loss of faculty positions have impeded the University of Maine's efforts to recruit minority faculty and staff, according to Vice President for Student Affairs John Halstead.

"I have no doubt that downsizing affects our efforts when there are faculty positions that are unfilled and staff positions that are unfilled," said Halstead, who added that the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs wasn't subjected to any downsizing that resulted from the last spring's AFFIRM document. "I thought it was important not to make programmatic reductions in those areas when we're trying to do more to attract a more diverse faculty and staff to our campus."

AFFIRM reduced the number of colleges at UMaine from seven to

five, and eliminated administrative, faculty and staff positions in an attempt to control spending.

Adonis Ferreira, associate dean of the multicultural affairs, said efforts to increase the number of minority faculty is important for the university in terms of attracting students of color to UMaine. Ferreira, who coor-

dinates the programs offered by the Multicultural Office, said an investment of money and time is necessary to increase diversity on campus.

"We realize that money is an issue," he said. "But if the university is really interested in diversity, and bringing a more diverse population, they're going to have to invest money

into that."

Suzanne Estler, director of the Equal Opportunity Office, said recruiting minority faculty and staff is of great importance to the university, and after nearly a decade of discussion on diversity, specific plans should be implemented.

"We're not seeing an increase in

diversity in the faculty, and it's probably an area of the highest priority," Estler said. "We've already had lots of feedback. We're now at the point where decisions have to be made."

There are no tenure-track African-American or Native American faculty at the university.

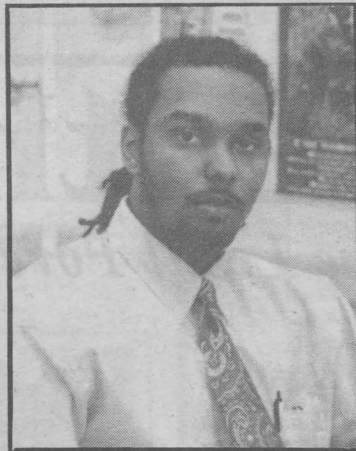
In an effort to recruit more minorities to the university, President Frederick Hutchinson asked Halstead, Estler and Judith Bailey, vice president of academic affairs and provost, at the beginning of the academic year to develop an outline of strategies to increase the number of faculty and staff from minority groups. The findings of the ad hoc group will first go back to the president's executive council, where they will be the subject of a broad-based discussion.

One subject likely to be discussed at the president's executive council is opportunity hire. Estler said opportunity

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Suzanne Estler. (Lachowski File Photo.)



Adonis Ferreira. (Stef Bailey Photo.)



Judith Bailey. (Gagne File Photo.)

• Government

Student Senate appoints new vice president

By Yolanda Sly
Staff Writer

The General Student Senate voted unanimously last night to appoint former Sen. William L. Bates II as Student Government vice president.

"I plan to bring to Student Government efficiency," Bates said. "I don't feel (it lacks) effi-

ciency, but I feel there are areas that can be dealt with."

Bates, involved with Student Government replaces Jennifer "Dusty" Doherty, who graduates Saturday, as GSS president.

"About a month or so ago, Ben (Meiklejohn) asked me about this position. I asked myself if I was prepared to go back

to this body. I feel I can jump back into this body, no biases in any way," Bates said.

Bates' appointment will last until the election of a new Student Government president and vice president in February.

Bates said he won't run for president or vice president in

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World Briefs

• Arms deal

U.S. — Ukraine relations strained

1 KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine has denied a report that it is selling ballistic missiles to Libya, calling the charge an “evil” attempt to sabotage U.S.-Ukrainian relations. “We have no kind of military contracts with Libya whatsoever,” deputy foreign minister Kostyantyn Hryshenko said Tuesday.

The Washington Times, citing a CIA report, reported Monday that Ukraine agreed to sell \$500 million worth of short-range ballistic missiles to Libya.

Such a deal could jeopardize the U.S. aid program for Ukraine, the third-largest recipient of American assistance after Israel and Egypt.

“Someone wants to discredit U.S.-Ukrainian relations,” said chief Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Serhiev. “Someone wants to cut off or seriously reduce U.S. help to Ukraine.”

The sales would violate U.N. sanctions imposed on Libya for its failure to surrender two Libyans wanted in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am plane over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Ukraine won praise from the United States for giving up the nuclear weapons it inherited from the Soviet Union’s vast arsenal.

Several weapons producers, including three major nuclear missile plants, remain in operation. Many in the West are concerned that the cash-strapped country is secretly selling arms.

• Agreement

NATO won’t deploy nuclear forces

2 BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher assured a nervous Russia today that nuclear weapons would not be deployed in Eastern and Central Europe if NATO proceeds with an eastward expansion.

The former Soviet allies would be backed by the nuclear-armed United States and the rest of NATO if they are attacked, American officials said.

Christopher offered the assurance to Russia in his ninth and final speech to the North Atlantic Council. He is retiring next month.

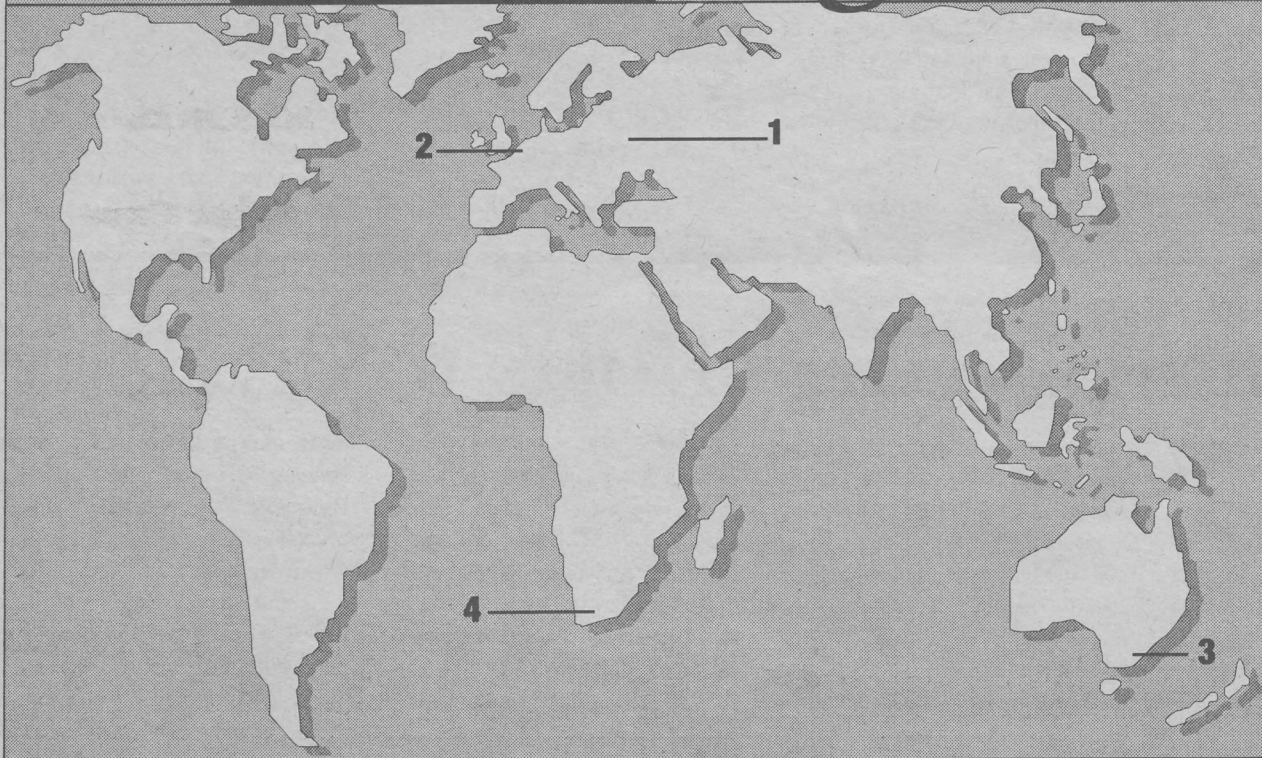
“We are declaring that in today’s Europe, NATO has no intention, no plan and no need to station nuclear weapons on the territory of any new members,” Christopher said. “We are affirming that no NATO nuclear forces are presently on alert.”

Under the NATO charter the United States and the 15 other current members “will enjoy the protection that comes with NATO membership,” including nuclear weapons, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said later.

Burns also stressed NATO would not be deterred from expanding eastward, whatever Russia’s views. “No country will have a veto,” he said.

The NATO foreign ministers will hold a summit meeting July 8-9 in Madrid to expand the alliance by adding at least three Central and East European countries, probably in 1999.

World Digest



• Health

Recent findings show Aboriginies at risk

3 CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The death rate among aboriginal babies is more than double that of babies in the general population, according to a new report.

The death rate for babies born to aboriginal women is 15.9 per 1,000 compared with 6.7 per thousand for the Australian community in general, said the report, issued by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

In the Northern Territory, where many aboriginal families live in remote outback communities, the death rate is as high as 19.2 per 1,000.

Poor diet, poverty and harsh living conditions among the aborigines are the chief causes for the disparity, the report’s author, Paul Lancaster, said Tuesday. Other contributing factors include the young age of many aboriginal mothers and poor access to medical services, he said.

Prime Minister John Howard is planning emergency measures to improve the living conditions of outback aborigines.

This could include sending government construction teams to remote communities to provide clean water supplies, sewerage and other services.

• New legislature

Historic moment for South Africa, world

4 SHARPEVILLE, South Africa (AP) — With the stroke of a pen, President Nelson Mandela signed South Africa’s new constitution into law Tuesday. Then he hoisted it over his head, to the cheers of 4,000 people at a ramshackle soccer stadium.

The 150-page charter was the culmination of more than six years of negotiations between white and black leaders on the shape and ideology of post-apartheid South Africa.

“By our presence here today, we solemnly honor the pledge we made to ourselves and to the world, that South Africa shall redeem herself and thereby widen the frontiers of human freedom,” Mandela said.

“As we close a chapter of exclusion and a chapter of heroic struggle, we reaffirm our determination to build a society of which each of us can be proud as South Africans, as Africans and as citizens of the world.”

The signing date and the place — Sharpeville, a black township south of Johannesburg — were not accidental.

Tuesday was International Human Rights Day, and the constitution represented South Africa’s commitment to equal rights after decades of the injustice of apartheid.

Sharpeville was where police gunned down 69 black protesters in a 1960 massacre that galvanized the anti-apartheid movement.

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The Local Forecast

Today’s Weather

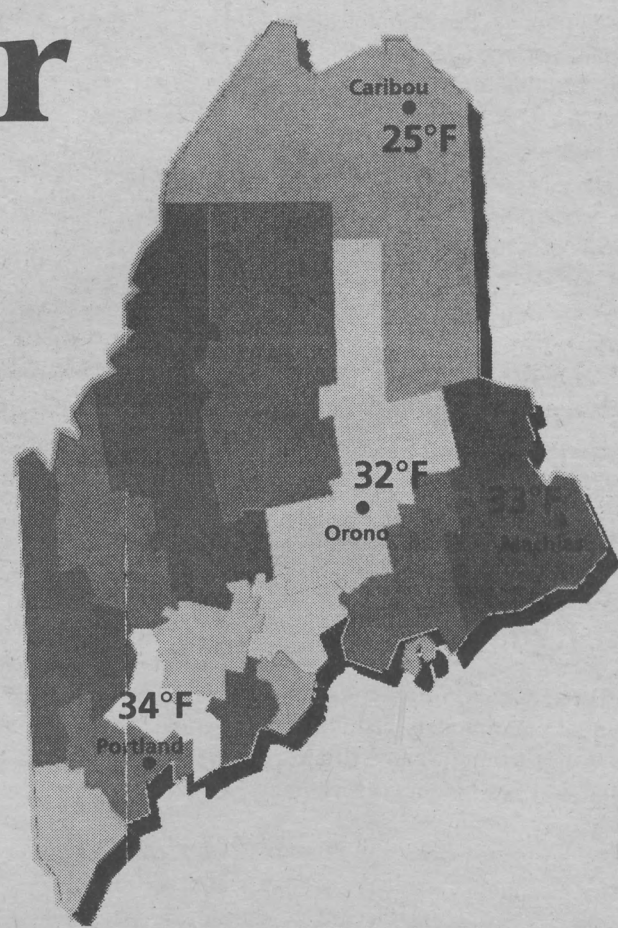
Becoming cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 30s. Light winds.

Thursday’s Outlook

Variable cloudiness with the chance of morning flurries. Highs in the lower to mid 30s.

Extended Forecast

Friday...Fair. Saturday...Fair. Sunday...Chance of snow north and chance of snow or rain south.



• Education

Religious right attacks UM professor's report

By Katie Litle
Staff Writer

Education Professor William Davis has been called a religious bigot and has been harassed via phone and mail by incensed parents since the release of his report "Impact of the New Religious Right on Public Schools" last March.

"It's been a difficult experience, although not totally unexpected," Davis said.

According to a fact sheet released by Robert A. Cobb, dean of the College of Education, Davis' report examines the growth, impact and implications of the new religious right movement on public schools in the United States.

According to Davis, the new religious right wants to eliminate services like guidance counselors and sex education classes in public schools.

"Too many kids in school are being denied services because of pressure put on by religious conservatives," Davis said. "I can't understand why people object to bettering the self-esteem of children."

His intention was to try to encourage communities to solve problems by incorporating many views instead of one, Davis said.

"My intended message is, listen with respect to these people, but don't yield with the pressures, and be proactive," he said. "Don't stop an important program that parents want and kids can

benefit from."

A news conference was held Nov. 22 in Augusta, and the Maine Christian Coalition and the group Focus on the Family were present.

According to a news release the two groups accused Davis of "shoddy research" and "mean spirited charges."

"Every parent and taxpayer - regardless of religious background - should be outraged at such a waste and abuse of University of Maine funds to promote one professor's particular political beliefs," said Perry Glanzer, Focus on the Family education analyst.

Davis said he wasn't notified of the news conference.

Davis was asked to apologize to the groups for his report. He refused.

In an article in the Lewiston Sun Journal, Cobb said he stood by the report and Davis wouldn't apologize.

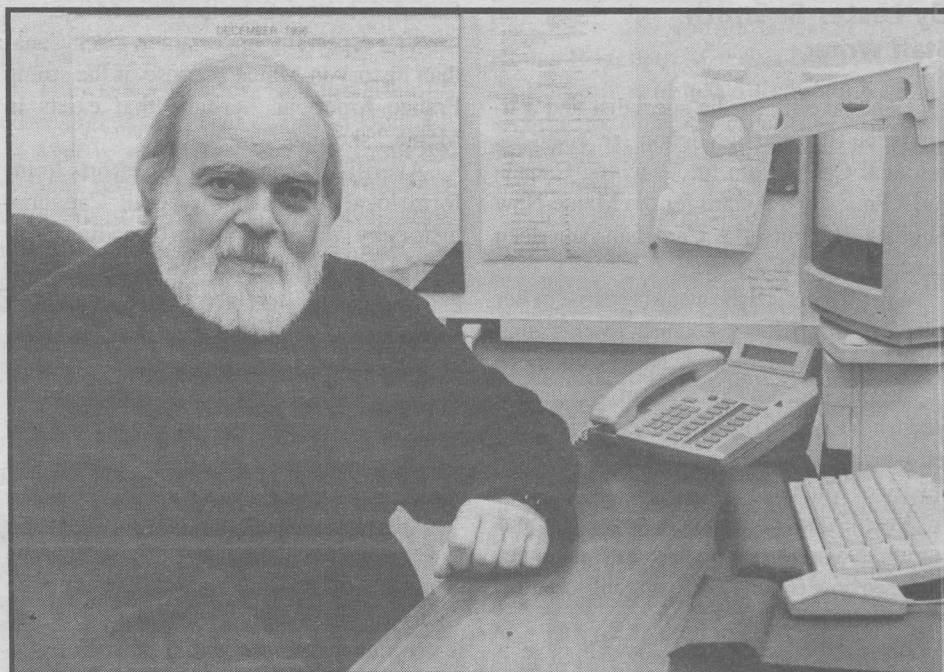
Davis said it was hard not to respond individually to some of the criticism, but that the report was important.

"I stand behind the report," Davis said.

Along with the negative publicity, Davis received support from the university and other educators.

"I feel good about the support I've received from the dean and the rest of the university community," Davis said. "I've also received several notes from guidance counselors thanking me."

"I have to trust that objective people will read it and accept it for what it was intended," Davis said.



Professor William Davis. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

Police log

• **Friday, Dec. 6 at 10:18 p.m.** in Oxford Hall, a male subject was referred to the conduct office for possession of marijuana.

• **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10:16 p.m.** two juveniles were banging on the door of Knox Hall. They were released to their parents.

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• Canadian literature

Bangor librarian receives award for education excellence

By Lester B. Smith
Staff Writer

Debe Averill, media specialist and a librarian at Bangor High School, received the National Consortium for Teaching Canada K-12 Educator's Award for the Maine-New England Region at a Canadian-American Center Conference Nov. 7.

Averill received the award because of her diligent work helping students, teachers and other librarians learn more about Canada.

Originally from Connecticut, she graduated from Colby College then earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Maine.

Averill said what she enjoys most about her job is working with children and having them see how finding and using information can enrich their lives.

During the conference, Averill gave a presentation on Canadian World Wide Web sites to show teachers and librarians how to get their students connected to Canada by the Internet.

Averill also helped the center in 1993 as a resource person in Canadian children's literature and as a librarian participant in the center's Atlantic Canada Teachers Institute, a program in which teachers get a chance to travel to Canada.

Canadian children's literature is one of the factors that inspired Averill interest in Canadian Studies, she said.

Averill said no matter where she travels she looks for children's literature, and when she went to Canada she admired its literature for young people.

Averill said she feels there's a need for

Canadian history to be taught in Maine.

"It's especially important to teach Canadian history in Maine because of the strong Franco-American heritage that exists in Maine," she said.

Averill has continued her efforts to inform local high schools about Canadian history by working with the Canadian Children's Book Center, which enables her to get Canadian literature that high school teachers can review and order for their school libraries.

Gail F. Curry Yvon, education outreach coordinator for the Canadian-American Center, also feels there's a need for Canadian studies to be taught at all levels.

"Students may not realize that many parts of Canada are exciting, beautiful, and serve as models of multiculturalism. Learning the values of this trading partner also serves to lessen our own ethnocentric attitudes," she said.

Averill said more should be done to encourage the humanities at the college level.

"I would like to work with university educators to make more connections between high schools and the universities because I think we have a lot to share, but that connection has not been made as often as in the math and science areas," she said. There are students at Bangor High School who do excellent in-depth research, but when they enter college they're often not required to do the same degree of research in humanities, she added.

Averill said she's happy to help educate teachers and students about Canadian studies and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.



Gail F. Curry Yvon (l.) presents Debe Averill with National Consortium for Teaching Canada K-12 Educator's Award for the Maine-New England Region, Nov. 7. (Dave Gagne Photo.)



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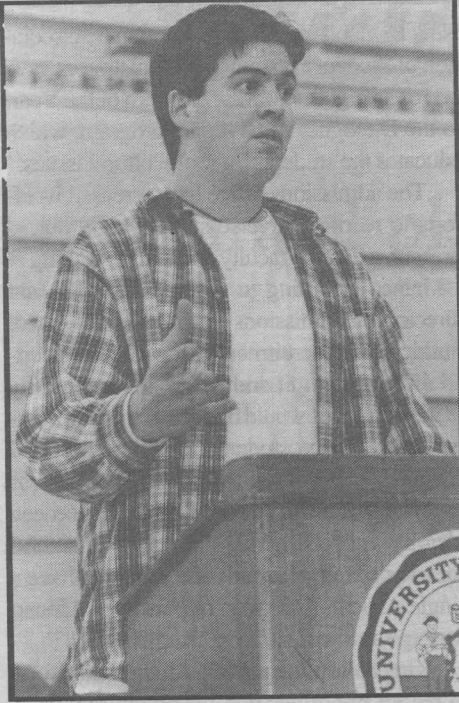
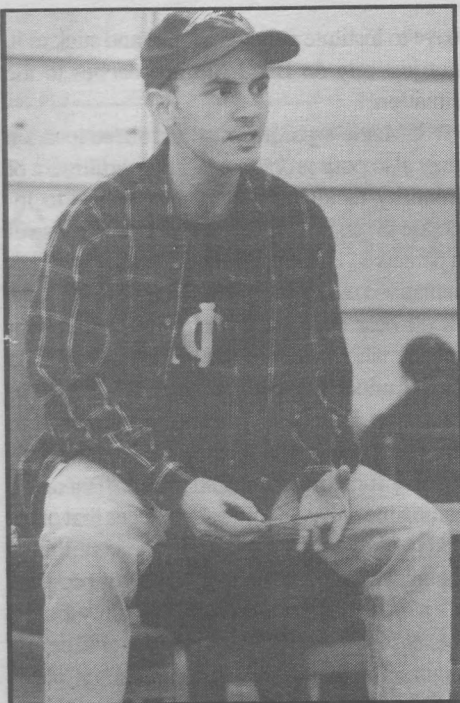


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James LeBlond (l.) talks about security and lighting on campus and Scott Morelli (r.) talks about the bookstore investigation results and possible actions at the GSS meeting Tuesday. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

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Smith said the hall's staff and the counseling staff at the Counseling Center have been giving emotional support to students affected by the incident, as well as to Peterson's family.

"(Androscoggin's) staff were up all night dealing with individual students," Smith said. "Staff at the Counseling Center have been wonderful."



Close-up of the injured student's broken window in Androscoggin Hall. (Joel Page Photo.)

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February, which makes him a good choice.

"I've always considered myself open," Bates said. "I'm also stubborn, but I can be moved."

The GSS also addressed the attempted sexual assault that occurred Dec. 4.

Traffic and Safety chairman and on-campus Sen. James LeBlond said he spoke with Public Safety Director Alan Reynolds about getting more lighting and call boxes installed on campus.

LeBlond urged the GSS to investigate ways to improve safety on campus.

In other GSS news:

- The Student Affairs Committee reported on its investigation of textbook prices at the bookstore.

"Our proposals for cutting down marking up textbook prices and revamping the used-textbook policy, and eliminating special perks for bookstore employees," Scott Morelli, the committee's vice chairman, said.

Morelli said bookstore employees told him they receive a full refund at the end of the semester on the textbooks they buy.

"I'm not sure of what they're talking about," bookstore director Ron Reisinger said in a telephone interview Tuesday night.

Legislative Liaison Chairman Sen. Chris Barstow said he and Sen. Jon Duke met with Maine Sen. Mary Cathcart, D-

Orono, about financial support for the university. Barstow said he will meet with Maine Senate President Mark Lawrence and Maine Speaker of the House Elizabeth Mitchell Dec. 17.

Barstow said he will contact legislators during semester break and will meet with President Frederick E. Hutchinson next semester.

Duke urged students, especially those in the GSS, to contact their state representatives to encourage them to vote to increase funding for the University of Maine System.

- Interfraternity Council President Jason Libby addressed the arrests of five University of Maine students affiliated with the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

"No one should be condoning this act. It makes (Greeks) look bad," Libby said.

Libby said the university is investigating the incident.

- The GSS voted to give \$800 from the budget rollover to the UMaine Geological Society.

- The GSS allocated \$1,000 from the budget rollover to Alpha Phi Omega so the fraternity can attend its biannual convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

- Joel Priest was sworn in as an off-campus senator. Priest, who lives in the York district, will represent off-campus students because the York district is full and there are vacant seats for off-campus senators.

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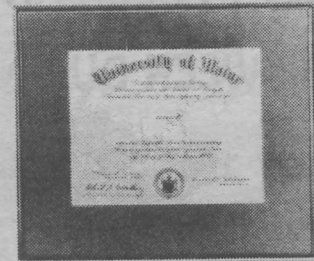


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Diversity

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nity hire is a strategy that provides funding flexibility and search waivers when hiring faculty. The university currently conducts a national search to fill vacant faculty positions. Estler said the opportunity hire strategy would be reserved for educators who can make a unique contribution to the university. Estler believes this criteria could apply to many minority faculty and staff. Halstead sees the concept of opportunity hire as a step in the right direction.

"Opportunity hire would have a broad-based impact on the institution," Halstead said. "My hope is the opportunity hire idea may not be an end-all, and it isn't. It has to be part of the broader set of strategies, and I see some great hope there."

The faculty and staff appointments resulting from these opportunity hires could broaden the ideological base at the university and expose students to a dynamic and diverse experience, Bailey said. She said the benefits of a diverse campus are both cultural and financial, and need to begin with efforts to increase the number of minority faculty and staff.

"It's a disservice to our students not to have the opportunity to work with, learn with and experience social interactions with people of different nationalities, ethnicity and religious beliefs," Bailey said. "As people leave the University of Maine and move into a work force, either in Maine in the future or anywhere outside of Maine, they're going to be involved in a much more diverse culture."

Estler said increased cultural diversity will also benefit minority students, who often feel isolated after coming to the university. Estler attributed this isolation, in part, to a noticeable lack of minorities in positions of authority.

"As students look around and they don't

see people in positions of authority, they don't see people on the faculty who look like them, what's the statement we're making about their career aspirations?" she said. "For minority students, it's increasing that isolation in terms of not having role models and not having people who understand the experience they're coming to and the experience they're coming from."

Ferreira was encouraged when President Hutchinson included diversity as one of three priorities of the university this year, but he said Hutchinson's imminent retirement could result in a change of priorities.

"I think (President Hutchinson's) sincere, and I think he's going to carry it forward but if you change leadership, you change plans, and when we talk about diversity, it's going to have to come from the top down," Ferreira said. "We're going to have to have some really strong leadership and people that really need to stand up for these beliefs."

But the top isn't the only place there must be a commitment, said Ferreira, who sees a general lack of support for increased diversity at the university. Ferreira called on those at the lower levels of the administration to initiate action that would lead to such an increase.

"We have to look at the deans and the department heads, too," Ferreira said. "If they really care about diversity, then why aren't they taking it as a personal mission to recruit people? Why should it have to be up to the president?"

There are some success stories in the effort to diversify. Halstead cited the programs coordinated by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, which provides support, counseling and advising to minority groups, as successful efforts to increase diversity on campus. The

New England region of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators gave one of its highest awards, Program of the Year, to the Dialogues in Diversity program, which educates the students on multicultural issues.

The admissions office has increased its efforts to recruit a diverse student body but, at present, a diverse faculty and staff is lacking at UMaine, according to Onica King, assistant director of admissions with an emphasis of multicultural recruitment. King said a concerted effort to recruit and attract more minority faculty and staff would likely increase the number of minority students wishing to attend UMaine.

"It's nice to have someone there you can identify with," King said. "I think it's shameful for us as a land grant university and not have a single African-American or person of African heritage as a professor on campus."

King believes some of the increased efforts to recruit minorities don't stem entirely from true concern, but from an increased public outcry to increase diversity on campus. It will take a long-term plan to begin to rectify the noticeable lack of diversity, King said.

"I think there are individuals who are very dedicated and have made some moves, but there are also individuals who are aware that they have to take that step because of the type of university that we are and people are becoming more verbally concerned," King said. "We

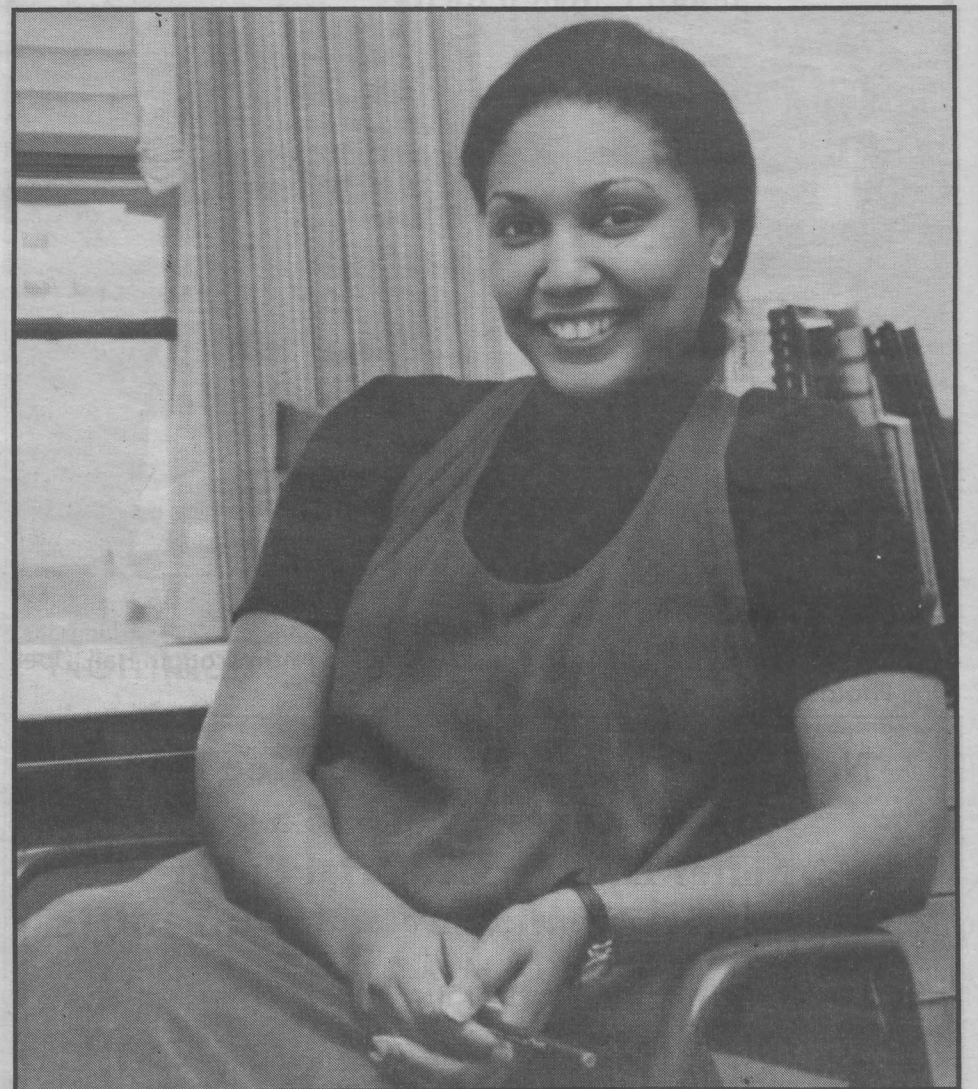
have to institute a five-year plan and stick to it, not just rely on Band-Aid approaches to the situation."

UMaine's geographically isolated location may also pose problems for the recruitment of minority faculty and staff. But efforts to increase diversity can't be abandoned because of a perceived lack of culture, according to representatives of the administration.

"I hear over and over again from departments, who try really hard in lots of cases to attract minority faculty, how difficult it is because we don't have the cultural support from the community, and that makes it more challenging for recruiting," Estler said. "But at the same time we have some advantages that other parts of the country don't have. The same things that make Maine attractive for lots of people — it's a great place to raise kids, the safety factor, the sense of community — can and should be just as attractive to minority applicants as to Caucasian applicants."

Halstead said concerns that the university is geographically isolated and in a state where only 1 percent of the population is made up of federally recognized minorities cannot be used as excuses for the lack of diversity on campus. Four percent of the student body is made up of federally recognized minorities.

"I think we just need to redouble our efforts and keep spinning out creative ideas," Halstead said.



Onica King. (Dave Gagne Photo.)



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State News

• Nuclear power

Safety assessments compel plant to invest in improvements

WISCASSET (AP) — Maine Yankee pledged Tuesday to spend \$27 million to fix problems identified in a federal review and to combat complacency at the nuclear power plant.

"By placing too much emphasis on achieving low-cost production, we have allowed our performance to decline in other key areas," said Charles Frizzle, president and chief executive officer of Maine Yankee.

"We will no longer let costs be the driving influence in our priorities," he said at a news conference.

Frizzle, asserting that safety was never compromised at the 24-year-old facility, said to save money Maine Yankee had failed to keep up with maintenance and changes in the industry. "We got

complacent. We thought we were better than that," he said.

The planned improvements at the plant are in response to an Independent Safety Assessment conducted this summer by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The report said operations at Maine Yankee were "adequate" but that employees lacked a questioning attitude that was not conducive to discovering equipment problems.

The NRC and Frizzle meet next month in Washington to discuss the corrective actions. The NRC must evaluate the response and decide whether it is effective, said NRC spokeswoman Diane Screnci.

Part of the \$27 million will go toward hiring about 50 permanent workers, primarily engineers and maintenance per-

sonnel, next year. With 475 employees, Maine Yankee currently operates with 60 to 70 fewer workers than the industry average at comparable plants, plant spokeswoman Maureen Brown said. Even with the added staff next year, "we'll still be slightly below average," she said.

To improve operations, Maine Yankee will also conduct an independent assessment of top management, starting with Frizzle.

The plant currently operates at 90 percent power as ordered by the NRC. Frizzle said the plant would not seek to return to 100 percent power until all systems have been reviewed.

Maine Yankee's extra costs will be paid for by its 10 owners. In Maine, Central Maine Power, Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. and Maine Public Service have shares in the Wiscasset plant. On top of the \$27 million allocated for 1997, Maine Yankee spent \$10 million this year in response to the NRC's review.

There was mixed reaction to Maine Yankee's announcement.

Gov. Angus King said he was pleased with the corrective actions.

"Apparently in the past Maine Yankee has taken great pride in being the lowest-cost producer of electricity," said King. Economical operation may be laudable, he said, "but if it has any ramifica-

tions for plant safety, I say forget it."

Ray Shadis of the anti-nuclear group Friends of the Coast said Maine Yankee "came forward with too little too late" and should be closed permanently.

He said the plant has been allowed to deteriorate over the last 20 years and blamed it on management. "All of these things have cropped up under Maine Yankee management."

So far this year, Maine Yankee has been shut down for 71 days. The Wiscasset plant was shut down Thursday because of a cable routing problem. Also last week, a radioactive particle was discovered embedded in a chair used by about 40 security guards.

In July, the plant was shut down because to repair valves in the cooling system. It remained off-line in August when officials discovered an electrical wire in the emergency core cooling system had been cut.

The plant was taken off-line last year so thousands of steam-generator tubes could be reinforced with metal sleeves after many of the tubes were found to be cracked. Maine Yankee was brought back on line in January after the largest such repair job in the world.

Frizzle said Maine Yankee has had a tough year and that he wouldn't be surprised if it were a candidate for an NRC watch list of troubled plants.

• Maine writers

Governor honors long-time children's author-illustrator

AUGUSTA (AP) — Gov. Angus King summoned a couple of burly state troopers into his office Tuesday and ordered them to stand at the sides of Barbara Cooney, the gray-haired author of children's books who barely reached the officers' shoulders.

King said he wanted the uniformed troopers to protect the longtime author and illustrator because he had just proclaimed her "a state treasure."

If anyone tries to spirit her out of the state, "they're going to have to answer to me and the Maine State Police," declared the governor.

King added the dramatic twist to a brief ceremony to honor the 80-year-old Cooney, a resident of the coastal town of Damariscotta whose 56-year career has taken her to the forefront of the children's books publishing industry.

Her first book, "Uncle Snowball," was published in 1940, and her 109th, "Eleanor," a story about the young Eleanor Roosevelt, was published in September.

Other well-known Barbara Cooney books include "Miss Rumphius," which was one of The New York Times' 10 best illustrated books of the year in 1982, "Island Boy," "Captain Pottle's House" and "King of Wreck Island."

The governor, familiar with many of Cooney's books because he's read them repeatedly while raising five children, proclaimed this Thursday as Barbara

Cooney Day in Maine.

"I put Miss Rumphius in the stratosphere of the top five children's books ever written," said King, who handed the author a pen and asked her to sign one of the copies on his desk.

"Oh, what can I say?" said Cooney, who was visibly moved by the honors. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Cooney books have been translated into 10 languages, including Arabic, Finnish and Afrikaans. She has received numerous awards, including the Caldecott Medal twice and the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, the highest international children's book award.

"People in Maine don't know how big Barbara Cooney is," said Viking Children's Books Publicity Manager Tim Moses. "She is one of the biggest authors-illustrators of children's books in the world."

Cooney is modest about her work, saying, "It's much more fun than doing the dishes."

Of the number of books she's written, she says, "They aren't all good. Some of them I wouldn't even want to look at." Her favorite is "Island Boy," which she describes as "my hymn to Maine."

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Cooney has lived in Maine for 14 years. As a child, she frequently visited the state, where her grandmother taught in a one-room schoolhouse.

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• In theaters

'Daylight' and Stallone impress with furious action, effect

By Greg Dowling
Staff Writer

"Daylight" is another installment in the torrent of disaster films that have been released and have yet to be released. The catastrophe in "Daylight" is the collapse of an underground traffic tunnel that connects New Jersey and New York, which is caused by a high-speed chase that ended with a car flying into a truck carrying chemical waste, creating an inferno that seals both ends of the tunnel. A handful of survivors are left behind and rescue workers must try to find a way in without caving in what remains of the tunnel and risking the workers' lives.

One of the accident's witnesses is a former chief of the rescue service, Kit Latura (Sylvester Stallone). Kit wants to help the survivors inside and he is allowed to attempt a rescue by himself. Kit was fired from his job because of a bad call he made that resulted in the death of some crew members. He's driven by his need for redemption, even if it ends up killing him. He is aided in the tunnel by a playwright, Madelyne Thompson (played by the fetching Amy Brenneman), who took the tunnel as she was moving out of New York. She tries to help Kit find a way out and at the same

time keep everyone calm as panic infects the survivors.

"Daylight" is a rare treat for a fall movie. It's a summer-sized shot of Adrenaline racing along fast and furiously, and by the end of the movie we're left exhausted from the suspense.

The characters are all more than just

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fast and furiously.**

stand-ins for their stunt doubles. Stallone actually delivers an affecting performance. His character is similar to the one he played in "Cliffhanger," but he gives Kit a much more human texture, and it's refreshing to see him make a movie where he never picks up a gun. His career needs a boost, which "Daylight" could easily provide. He will be starring in the upcoming "Copland" with Robert DeNiro, a project that will supposedly earn Sly some respect.

I have to say Stallone has received a

bum rap as an actor. While he has had some true stinkers, like "The Specialist" and the abysmal "Judge Dredd," he's still a fairly expressive actor. Unlike his action-star counterparts Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal, he can emote and react with subtlety and charm. He's given a better chance to do that here. The scene in which a guard asks him to leave him behind because he knows he's dying is an emotionally wrenching moment, and it's mainly because of the humanity Stallone allows to flow from his character. It's thrilling to watch someone with such an ill reputation shine.

He is supported effectively by Brenneman, whose other film credits include "Bye Bye Love," "Fear" and her critically acclaimed role as DeNiro's girlfriend in "Heat." Her character, Madelyne, is brave, intelligent and resource-

ful, but she is as vulnerable to panic as the others. The emotions she went through were believable. She made every scene twice as good as it would have been without her. It's wonderful to see a female character who serves more of a purpose than just as a screaming waif who the male lead must rescue in every scene.

"Daylight" has its moments of implausibility and contrivance. For instance, there's a scene where a character gets pinned under a truck filled with lumber, perfect for use as a lever and a backboard. How convenient. Some of the characters also have unusually high visual acuity underwater. Normally, holes like this would be distracting, but "Daylight" is so gripping we barely notice.

The film is directed by Rob Cohen, whose most recent accomplishment was

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• Theater

Maine Masque's anarchy in 'Arcadia'

By Richard Eaton
Special to the Campus

The School of Performing Arts and the Maine Masque have consolidated their resources to put on the first big play of the season, Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia," with mixed, if not undigested, resolves.

Tom Stoppard likes to write plays within plays, with historical references—actual or fictitious—as points of reference to wind his clever intellectual wit around, somewhat in the style of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw.

His plays are like palimpsests from which we can make out different verging and converging themes, like the scenes from "Arcadia" where the characters from 1809 act in the same time frame as the characters from the 1990s like an orchestrated dream, going in and out the windows.

This reminds me to comment on the stage scenery by Wayne Merritt, which consisted of Palladian windows, suggesting 18-century English country estate classicism in a semi-circle, with a backdrop robin-egg blue, with large, beautiful, lightly varnished soft-wood doors offsetting each side of the stage.

The costumes by Jane Snider were adequate, neither underdone or overdone, which would have been easy to do. I can't forget the huge compass design on the raked stage, which I also found to be of great symbolic, if not surreal, interest; a major theme of the play is the plaguing, haunting forces of the rational (classicism) and the irrational (romanticism).

"Arcadia," besides being on one obvious level a sexy, sassy whodunit for bibliomaniacs, is essentially a drawing-room comedy in the classical sense. It tries to shock us or force us to rethink ourselves as entirely human, which is pretty near impossible today. It is meant to be about the ideas in action, not, as the director of this production has done, ideas meant to be played as slapstick, running back and forth in never-resting motion, while at

the same time reciting elegant Stoppard lines like, "It's wanting to know that makes matter. Otherwise we're going out the way we came in. That's why you can't believe in the afterlife, Valentine. Believe in the after, but not the life ... Better to struggle on knowing that failure is final."

Toward the end, Septimus (Christopher Snipe), the Bryonic tutor to the aristocratic Coverly family, speaks with perfect wit: "We shed as we pick up, like travelers who must carry everything in their arms, and what we let fall will be picked up by those behind. The procession is very long and life is very short. We die on the march. But there is nothing outside the march, so nothing can be lost to it."

Unfortunately, all this intricate comedy of manners and morals was not said in clear diction but in a strident, often shouted garble, which the listener was supposed to take for very Brit.

Exceptionally guilty of this was Kelly Sanders, who played Lady Croom, who should have been strong and clear: a leading comic actor. Claude A. Giroux, who played the academic Bernard Nightingale, besides showing promise for a talent at burlesque, did speak to the audience, come forward, relate or invite us to enter in but stuck out sorely, from what the other actors did. They seemed caught up by their own closeted absurdity. Valentine (Anthony Pierce) showed a talent for "the odd-duck" character acting. Hannah Jarvis (Dolara La Penta) also showed some serious talent past and present, and may have had the best sustained diction of them all.

All in all, I believe these faults to be caused by the director for his casting and his nervous style of method approach. The production in the end comes across, despite some mighty fine parts, as disjointed and indeterminate in a sense the author never could have intended. To be merciful, it was a noble attempt, but it was well over the Maine Masque's head.

Say gum disease!



George Marciunas' "Fluxpost (smiles)," offset print on gummed paper (1972), is on display at the Hole-in-the-Wall Gallery in the Memorial Union, part of the exhibit, "Artist's stamps: Art you can lick." (Dave Gagne Photo.)

Daylight

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this past summer's "Dragonheart." As in that film, Cohen shows remarkable technical skill in "Daylight" with his sets and special effects by Industrial Light and Magic. The explosion that levels the tunnel is a tour de force triumph of visual effects. We are literally put in the middle of the fireball and see the reactions of the petrified characters inside their melting cars. It's a moment of heart-stopping cinematic terror.

"Daylight" should do well with summer movie junkies who have gone into withdrawal. It's an action film that's clever, exciting and even moving. "Daylight" is a heart-pumping good time.

Grade: B+

Rock-a-bye baby



Chan Nuk is among the last of the Lacandonones, in Chiapas, Mexico, one of the places where photographer Cy Lehrer has recorded images of the contemporary Maya. His work will be at the University of Maine starting Dec. 15. "Maya, Of Earth, The Heavens, The Gods" contains 40 photographs by Lehrer, an artist based in Tucson, Ariz. The free Hudson Museum exhibition will be in the Hauck Lobby Gallery of the Memorial Union, open daily 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call 581-1901 for information. (Courtesy Photo.)

• People

Hundreds turned away from Queen of Soul concert

DETROIT (AP) — Hundreds of fans hoping to see the Queen of Soul ended up shivering in the cold.

The New Bethel Baptist Church expected a full house with Aretha Franklin headlining a Christmas show with other gospel stars. But a church official said 2,500 tickets were sold for 1,500 available seats.

Larry Robinson, who works at a bookstore that sold the tickets, blamed a botched estimate of the church's capacity for Saturday night's mess.

"It's benches and pews, not separate seats," he said. "A heavy-set lady with fur is three seats."

About 300 people sought refunds of their \$17.50 tickets Monday. Franklin, known for her versions of "A Natural Woman," "Chain of Fools" and "Respect," is expected to release an album of the concert next year.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drew Barrymore has flashed her chest at David Letterman and left her bra hanging over the bar at a New York nightclub. Now she'll talk about safe sex on TV.

The actress, who once told a magazine that macaroni and cheese and Jell-O put her in the mood, will appear in a commercial next year aimed at promoting condom use.

Ms. Barrymore, one of the stars of "Bad Girls," a movie about Old West prostitutes out for revenge, said she hoped her involvement in the commercial for the Female Health Foundation will help boost awareness of contraceptives.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Elvis uproar is over.

Elvis Grbac, the backup quarterback

for the San Francisco 49ers, has patched things up with Mayor Willie Brown.

The mayor was widely criticized last month when he called Grbac an "embarrassment to humankind" for throwing two interceptions in the team's loss to the Dallas Cowboys. Brown later apologized when he learned that Grbac was distracted because his son recently underwent surgery for spina bifida.

Things are so rosy now that the two wound up in the same skit Monday night as the team celebrated its 50th anniversary.

With Brown wearing a fake white beard, blue overalls and a plaid shirt as he led a burro on stage, Grbac said to thunderous applause: "Dressed like that, you're an embarrassment to humankind."

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• Commentaries

Make education a priority

Students in Maine who score within the top 1 percent in reading, writing and math on the Maine Educational Assessment tests are offered free tuition if they enroll at any one of the University of Maine System's seven campuses. Many of these students, however, turn down the offer. Only one of the nine who scored well enough last year to earn the free tuition stayed in Maine, and an Associated Press story Monday reported that few of the 15 students who are eligible for the offer this year are likely to accept it.

Many of the students say they want a change of scenery or they want more diverse surroundings. Certainly this is a valid argument. Maine, which is mostly rural and isolated, can't offer the same experience more diverse states can. However, some of the students also say they want to attend a more prestigious school. This is a rather snotty argument. People's education is what they make of it. A dedicated and ambitious student at UMaine can go just as far as another student at a so-called prestigious school. Success comes from

hard work and ambition, not the name and image associated with an institution.

The state needs to keep its brightest students to raise the level of its academia, yet the quality of its educational institutions is exactly what keeps most of these students away. The university system must offer better deals than out of state schools to convince these exceptional students to stay here. Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart has said he's prepared to do so. If the lack of diversity at our state's schools is a turn-off to students, then the university system must take action to diversify its campuses.

The people of Maine must also begin to take pride in the state's institutions of higher education. Students will only think as highly of the state's school as their parents, peers and mentors do.

Finally, the Legislature must make education a priority. If the state's ruling bodies don't think the university system is worth more funding, then prospective students won't see the value of an education from UMaine or the other campuses either. (M. Paquette)

Time to move on

It's been more than two years since the brutal slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, and the so-called "trial of the century" has yet to come to an end. After intense coverage of O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, and the ensuing "not guilty" verdict, the public was treated to only a brief summer vacation from its daily fix of O.J. updates. Once again Simpson is being forced into the public eye with his civil wrongful death suit.

Simpson had the gall to sit on the witness stand and say he had never struck his wife, after photos of her black and blue face had been aired on "Hard Copy" every night for the last year. He instead suggested the marks on her face were caused by picked pimples (which set back the spousal abuse cause about a light year). Of course, the plaintiffs immediately prepared a line of witnesses to say he in fact had hit her.

In the last few days, Fred Goldman and Juditha Brown, parents of the murder victims, have had to take the stand to recall their

fondest memories of their children. Family members are taking the witness stand in hopes of proving how much their losses are worth. Having to put a monetary value on your love for your children provided just another sick twist in a case that never seems like it's going to end.

As appalling and surreal as this case seems, we have to ask ourselves, when is it all going to stop? When is O.J. Simpson's smiling face and latest sound bite not going to be covered nightly on the national news? This murder case is making him more famous than he ever was as a football star.

Though one could be tempted to blame the media for constantly covering the case, the finger comes back to point on the American public for listening to it and wanting more.

It doesn't seem healthy to contribute to the case day after day. America has to move on and deny O.J. the attention these murders have gotten him. The sick fascination has to end. (K. Ritchie)

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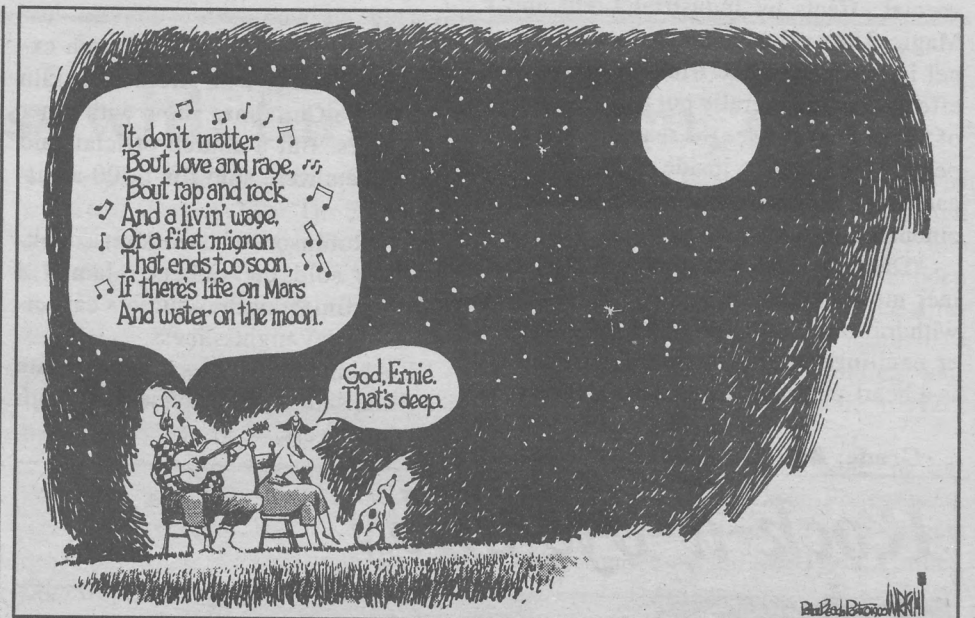
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• Letters to the Editor

• As a matter of fact

To the Editor:

With respect to Dave Gagne's column "No Work Getting Done," published in last the Nov. 18 *Maine Campus*, it must be said that fact does exist in some of what he states. However, Mr. Gagne's thesis that the GSS is "sitting around and doing nothing ..." has no basis in fact. Mr. Gagne states that 15 out of 34 (44 percent) resolutions and "major" motions are rule changes. This I must say is true; senators took action to change the system they thought contained problems. When I introduced the resolution about debate, which Mr. Gagne mentioned, I attempted to enhance meaningful information exchange. The reason I withdrew it stemmed from the fact that it already existed in a different form, it was contained in "Robert's Rules of Order." However, by bringing up the idea, the senate now uses this method more often and meaningful debate is enhanced. The resolutions and motions Mr. Gagne refers to were based on this premise of fixing the system. Now, just because a solution to a problem gets proposed does not mean it is the best solution. This is why resolutions are voted down.

Mr. Gagne stated that "No one in Student Government is willing to take initiative and be a leader ..." It might interest Mr. Gagne to know there is at least one person in Student Government who is willing to take initiative and be

a leader. Scott Morelli attempted to have a conference of student governments in the University of Maine System this fall. (It did not succeed due to conflicting schedules and other circumstances beyond his control) Sen. Morelli is also the author of the infamous FOCUS document. He is just the tip of the iceberg. Several senators have gathered information and presented it to the senate on their own accord.

Mr. Gagne did stumble onto a fact when he stated that FOCUS took the senate 28 days to pass (introduced Oct. 1 and passed on the 29th). However, the delay was due to the senate's clear thinking. Mr. Gagne should know that this document was introduced at the first meeting of the newly elected GSS. Senate committees were not formed and could not be formed until the president of GSS has time to look over the request of senators. So committees did not have an opportunity to look at it until after the second meeting. Remember that we had a Tuesday off, at which time the senate didn't meet. So FOCUS came up 21 days after introduction. It was not voted on because of concerns about the language, wording and new ideas. If we, the GSS, are to try to do something totally new, I believe it should be the best that we can create. We owe it to the students. By holding on for one more week, the document gained nearly total support. (FOCUS is available at <http://maine.maine.edu/>)

~ksteve52/focus.htm)

After all this, you may very well ask: Do you consider the GSS perfect? No; however, I do consider the GSS active. While the GSS may try and fail, it must be granted credit for trying. The GSS is not as inactive as Mr. Gagne's column would have us believe.

Kevin P. Stevens Jr.
Off-Campus senator

• We don't have to

To the Editor:

The crocodile-teared "we have to" used by some ranchers to justify the trapping and slaughtering of wild horses points out the responsibility of all hamburger eaters, as well as for buyers for the agonizing death of countless animals.

Rendered animals, fed to cattle, may include horses and helpless pets falling victim to the prowess of a mighty trapper.

Hamburger-eating University of Maine students may want to remain aware of the many health problems that can result from eating beef and remember that mad cow disease incubates slowly.

James Griffin
Fallon, Nevada

Correction

In the Monday, Nov. 9 edition of *The Maine Campus*, Willow Wetherall was misidentified in the story "Defense techniques aid students." It was reported she was the president of Humaine Women. She is the president of the Student Women's Center.

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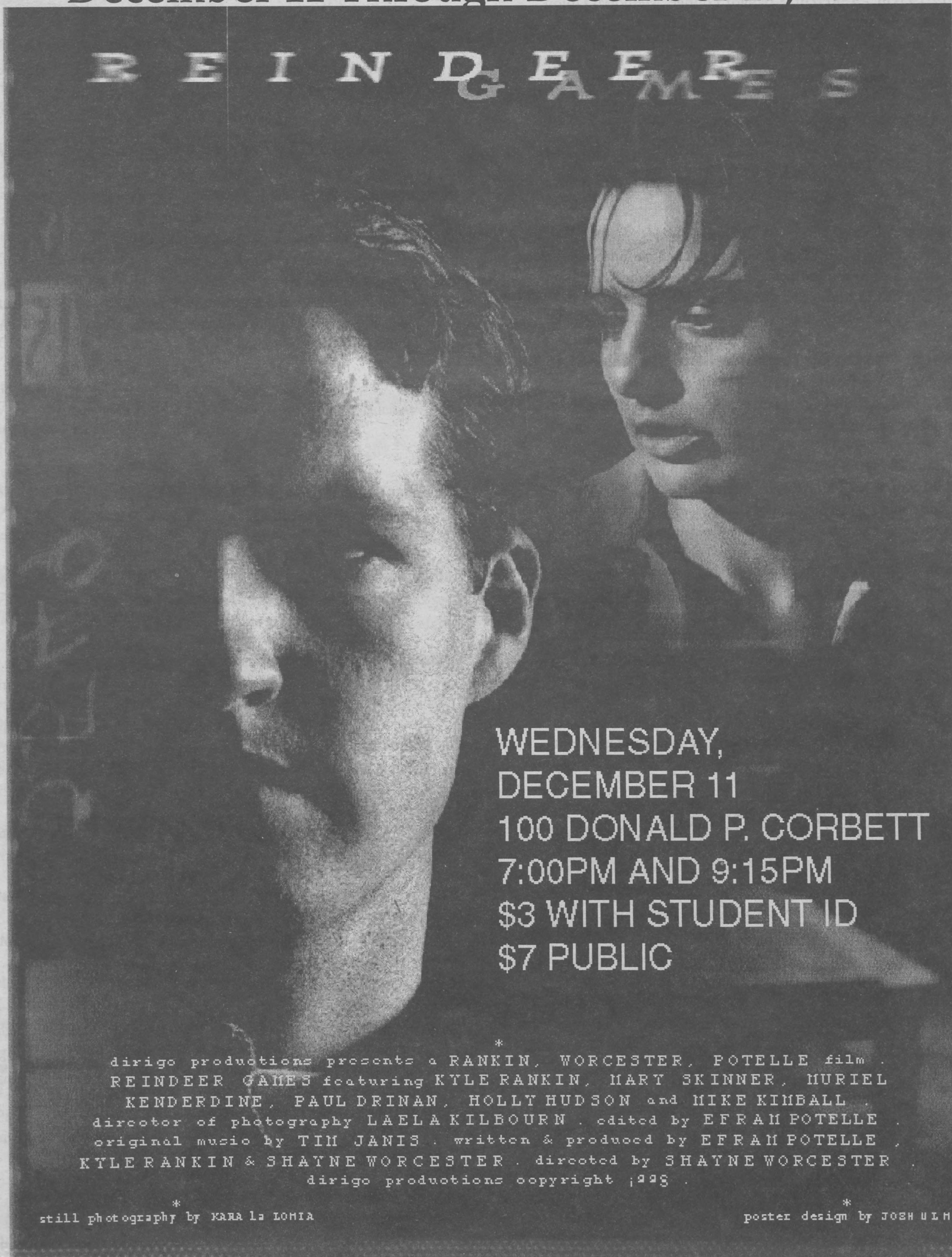
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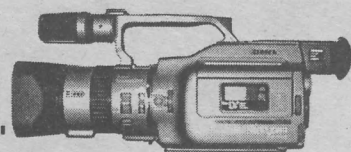
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- 7:00 p.m. • 100 D.P. Corbett Hall • A Maine independent film "Dark, brutal and sardonically funny . . ." Times Record
- "A good mix of humor, weirdness and sharp dialog . . ." Portland Press Herald • Admission Fee

Presentations: "You Can Get There From Here: The Maine State Arts Commission & Public Art"

- 7:00 p.m. • 206 Rogers Hall • Sponsored by the Department of Art Guest Lecture Series

Meeting: UMaine Flying Club

- 7:00 p.m. • 3rd Floor Room, Memorial Union • Offers students and other members of the campus community the opportunity to earn a private pilots license

Campus Holiday Caroling

- 8:00 p.m. • Meet in front of the Folger Library • The University Singers and the residents of York Village will lead the carols and walk to Stodder Quad, York Quad and end at the York Village for hot chocolate. Bring flashlights and eager voices! • For more information contact Sandy Howard at 581-8994



Movie: "Reindeer Games"

- 9:15 p.m. • 100 D.P. Corbett Hall • A Maine independent film.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Movie: Mi Vida Loca



- 8:00 p.m. • Peabody Lounge • Sponsored by the Off-Campus Board • Admission is Free • Mi Vida Loca is an independent film directed by Allison Anders.

Play: Arcadia

- 12:00 p.m. • The Hauck Auditorium • Admission Fee • Sponsored by the School of Performing Arts and the Maine Masque Series.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Jazz TGIF: Old Town High School Jazz Combo

- 12:15 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life

Lecture: "Northern Shrimp Population and Management: An Overview"

- 1:10 p.m. • 124 Hitchner Hall • Sponsored by Animal, Veterinary and Aquatic Sciences Graduate Seminar • For more information call 581-2737

Lecture: "Looking at Marine Algal Communities Through a Functional Lens"

- 1:30 p.m. • 101C Deering Hall • Sponsored by the Plant Biology and Pathology Seminar Series • For more information call 581-2971

Professor's Night Out

- 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. • Lengyel Gym • Sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Play: Arcadia

- 8:00 p.m. • The Hauck Auditorium • Admission Fee • Sponsored by the School of Performing Arts and the Maine Masque Series.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Commencement Mass and Reception

- 8:30 a.m. • The Newman Center • All graduates, their families and friends are welcome to attend, and can go directly to Commencement.

2nd Annual Maine Indian Basketmakers Sale and Demonstration

- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Maine Center for the Arts • Sponsored by the Hudson Museum



December Commencement

- 10:30 a.m. • At the Alford Sports Arena

Author Signing: Melissa Sweet

- 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. • UMaine Bookstore • Noted children's book author and illustrator

Contradances: "Old Grey Goose Cove Orchestra"

- 8:00 p.m. • Orono Community Center • For more information call 581-3924

Play: Arcadia

- 8:00 p.m. • The Hauck Auditorium • Admission Fee • Sponsored by the School of Performing Arts and the Maine Masque Series.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Play: Arcadia

- 2:00 p.m. • The Hauck Auditorium • Admission Fee • Sponsored by the School of Performing Arts and the Maine Masque Series.

Yuletide Concert

- 3:00 p.m. • At the Hutchins Concert Hall • Part of the School of performing Arts Music Series • Admission Fee • Featuring the University Singers and Oratorio Society

Candle Light Service of Lessons and Carols

- 5:00 p.m. • The Wilson Center • All are welcome. Following the service is a potluck dinner. information call 581-1228

Unitarian Universalism Meeting

- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • 1912 Room, Memorial Union
- An informal gathering for those who are interested in finding out more about the Unitarian Universalism Society of Bangor

WEEKLY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

Maine Shooting Club

- 4:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call John McDaniel at 866-2687

Maine Peace Action Committee

- 4:00 p.m. • Virtue Room, The Maples • For more information call Anna Allocco at 866-2036

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Questioning Discussion Group

- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Honors Center, Seminar Room

Maine Vocals Forum - Legalize It or Criticise It

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Maine Vocals • For more information call 827-9363

Student Alumni Association

- 5:30 p.m. • Crossland Alumni Center
- For more information call 581-1141

FAROG (Fraco American Resource Opportunity Group)

- 6:00 p.m. • Franco American Center • For more information call Jason Morneault or Toby Jandreau at 581-6943

Acoustic Music Jam

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union

Musicians' Coalition

- 7:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • For musicians and supporters of the local music scene.
- For more information call John Brookhouse at 581-1267

Student Art League

- 7:00 p.m. • Basement of Carnegie Hall • Sponsored by the Art Department • For more information call 827-7392

Outing Club

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-HIKE

THURSDAYS

Non-Traditional Commuter Student Coffee Hour

- 3:15 p.m. • Nutter Lounge, Memorial Union.
- Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life
- Free coffee, dessert and good conversation

UMaine Green Party

- 4:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union

College Democrats

- 6:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 866-2356

Wilde Stein Alliance for Sexual Diversity

- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union
- Meetings start with business followed by a social coffeee hour

The Maine Event

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ

FRIDAYS

Prisoners of Gender

- 3:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 827-8118

International Coffee Hour

- 4:00 p.m. • Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-2905

SUNDAYS

Sunday Masses

- 9:30 a.m. and 6:15p.m. • The Newman Center, 83 College Avenue • For more information call 866-2155

Protestant Worship

- 5:00 p.m. • Drummond Chapel, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by The Maine Christian Association • For more information call Dana Reed 866-4227

MONDAYS

Amateur Radio Club

- 5:00 p.m. • Ham Radio Station, Basement of Merrill Hall
- For more information call 581-6668

Maine Animal Club

- 5:00 p.m. • 2nd Floor, Roger Hall • For more information call Kevin Gerrish at 866-0683

Circle K

- 6:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call Cindy at 581-6864

TUESDAYS

Off-Campus Board

- 4:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1840

SPIFFY

- 5:00 p.m. • 117 Donald P. Corbett Business Building
- For more information call John Nicholson at 581-1949

College Republicans

- 5:00 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call Marc Oliver at 581-8838

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

- 7:00 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

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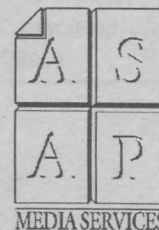
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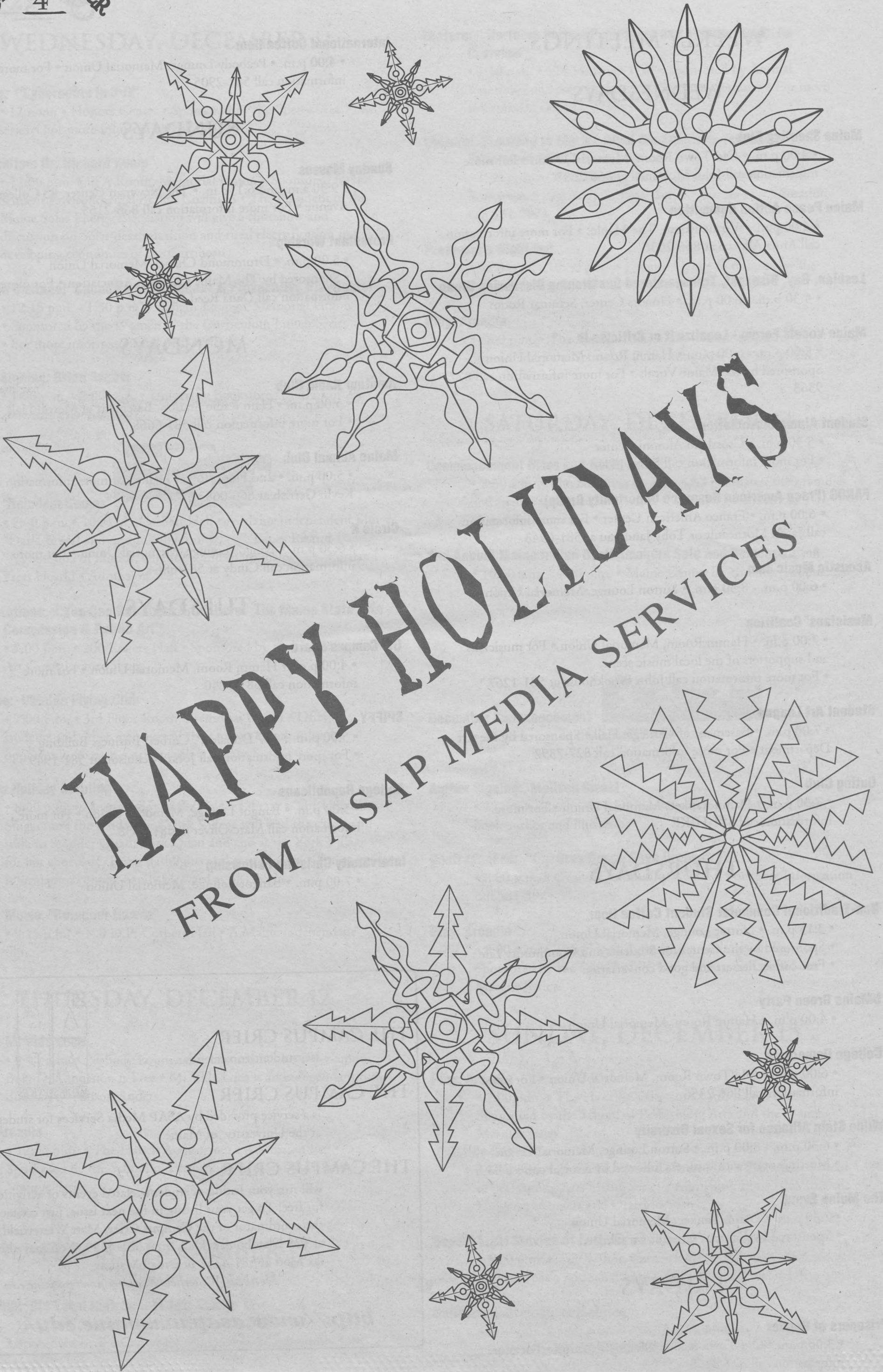
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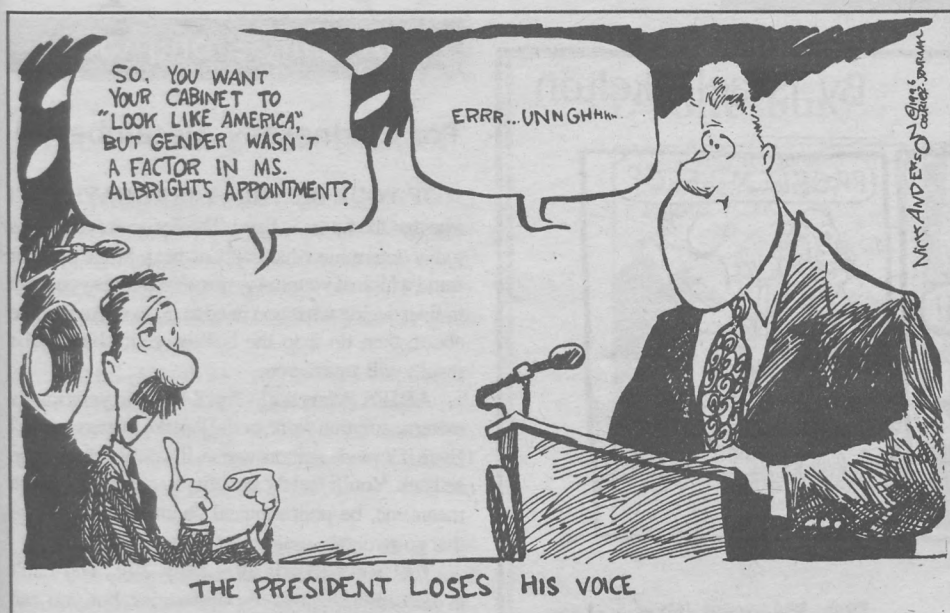




HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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OpEd



• As I See It

The new newlywed game



Kathryn Ritchie

As many of you have heard, last Wednesday a judge in Honolulu ruled against Hawaii's policy that prohibited same-sex marriage. The judge said the state wasn't able to provide a "compelling reason" for the discrimination. But, of course, as with all landmark rulings, it probably won't go into effect for another 10 years, because it

their "deviance" and turn back to family values and proper Christian ways. If people want to live that way, they will, whether it's federally recognized or not.

On the other hand, if you want to live a strict, rigid and painstakingly moral life, that's fine. You have that right. But you shouldn't have the right to interfere with other people's happiness.

A common myth among the heterosexual community about gay people, besides the belief they're all hair dressers, is they have a lot of promiscuous sex. If that's the common "upstanding" citizen's belief, then why fight their right to get married and become monogamous?

went on hold the next day, as the state prepared to appeal the verdict to Hawaii's supreme court.

This ruling was also going to allow federal benefits, such as Social Security and veterans pay, to homosexual live-in partners. Many opponents say that it would be wrong to extend these benefits, or that it would cost too much. Apparently they aren't aware that several corporations and colleges, including the University of Maine, have already extended benefits to live-in partners.

Our own home-town reaction was anything but tolerant. I was personally appalled to see Carolyn Cosby on the news last week, spewing her anti-homosexual rhetoric and listing her reasons against gay marriages. Anyone who still respects that woman after her loss on Question 1 last November and her last-ditch efforts to declare the winners a bunch of cheaters, really needs their head checked.

I have to ask all of those people opposed to allowing same-sex marriages one thing: What difference does it make to you? People opposed must think cutting off the rights of marriage, and its benefits, will cause homosexuality to come to a screeching halt. They must imagine the gay community will give up

I have to ask all of those people opposed to allowing same-sex marriages one thing: What difference does it make to you?

People's marriages don't affect those who aren't directly related to them anyway. Do I care if Peter and Laverne from Pittsburgh are getting married? Of course not. Do I care if Peter and Luke from St. Paul are getting married? Not at all. Marriage is not a national event. Heaven knows that plenty of heterosexual people have married amoral creeps, but I have yet to find any legislation banning that.

And for those of you who still don't wish to condone gay marriages? Simply don't attend the weddings. I have a sneaking suspicion you won't be invited anyway.

(Kathryn Ritchie is a junior journalism major and the assistant city editor of The Maine Campus.)



• Guest column

A game of Oronopoly

Scott Morelli

Welcome to the University of Maine New & Used Book Dealership. Have we got a deal for you! Whether you're thinking of leasing or buying new, we guarantee that we have the book you need! Thinking of trading in your used text? No problem! We're the only dealership in town who will buy it back! So bring your bad credit, no credit or credit card to the UMNUBD 'cuz we know you'll wind up shopping here for all your academic needs!"

Does this sound harsh? Farfetched? Unrealistic? Or does this sound like the place where you just dropped \$400 for your classes ... again? Chances are it's the latter, and chances are you're one of the 9,000 plus who, at least once a semester, feel the pinch of the University of Maine Bookstore's monopoly over the student body.

First things first. The bookstore marks up your textbooks an average of 25 percent each. So, for example, a text costing the store \$50 costs you \$62.50. This markup, according to Bookstore Director Ron Reisinger, is needed to cover the cost of employee salaries and customer service. Reisinger also maintains that this 25-percent markup is standard among bookstores across the collegiate land. The problem, he contends, with textbook prices is not with the markup, but rather with the prices the publishers charge. And he's right. Sort of.

If you just spent \$400 on textbooks, one quarter, or \$100, of that charge goes directly to the bookstore, while the other \$300 goes to the publishers who own the texts' copyrights. The point is that no matter where the money is going, students are getting the shaft.

Including living arrangements, the average student on this campus pays approximately \$9,000 a year to receive an education. Add another several grand for the out-of-staters. This price includes tuition, room and board, and all those nifty little fees to do all those nifty little projects. This price, of course, does not include books. "So, OK," you say, "at least I know that when I pay tuition and fees I know what they go toward." But do you really know what your 25 percent goes toward? "Yes," you say. "Toward the costs incurred by the bookstore." Sorry. Survey says: WRONG!

The bookstore turns a hefty profit for the university each year (nearly \$150,000 in 1995), and according to Reisinger, this excess revenue is placed in a "reserve fund" to be used at the administration's discretion. While merchandise and other book titles contribute to this money pool, Reisinger says a significant portion of the excess profits come from new and used textbook sales. The money the Bookstore produces has been used in the past for projects such as the renovation of Latti Fitness Center and purchasing a new Zamboni for Alford Arena. Hmm ... something smells fishy here.

I need not tell you that fishy smell entails the further raping and pillaging of the UMaine student wallet. The university's bookstore needs to stop making an excess profit from already financially strapped students and start putting it back where it belongs: in students' pockets.

On a side (yet interesting) note, University of Southern Maine Bookstore Assistant Manager Nicki Piaget says her store marks up their texts on average 25 percent as well but does not turn a profit. In fact, Piaget says it would show a loss if textbooks were all it sold. So why is it UMaine needs to turn a profit? Is this the university's way of collecting a "hidden fee" from students to spend as it sees fit? Well, yeah, dummy.

If textbook prices were lowered on this campus, the average student could save a couple of hundred dollars every year, money that the university wouldn't miss and shouldn't get anyway. It's time the administration and bookstore put an end to markups that go above and beyond cost to fund their little projects. It's time the administration and bookstore stop abusing the monopoly they have over students. It's time they start realizing they're here for us and they shouldn't treat us like customers at a used-car dealership. Actually, I take that back. In a survey of car dealerships in the area, the average markup on a new automobile, including Cadillacs, was only 13 percent. And to think it's the salesmen we distrust.

(Scott Morelli is a junior journalism-public administration major and is currently selling plasma to finance his textbooks for next semester.)

Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, December 11

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: It isn't true that the future is fixed. The decisions you make today determine what happens next. Make up your mind which of your many possible futures you want to live, decide what you need to do to make it come about, then do it to the best of your ability. The results will amaze you.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Did yesterday's extreme solution work, or did it make matters worse? Even if it made matters worse, it's only a short-term setback. You'll feel the benefits by next week. In the meantime, be philosophical about the little things that go wrong.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You can't avoid certain tedious responsibilities, but you can postpone them for a few days. Planetary activity will force you to face up to the harsh financial facts of life, but today you're entitled to focus on the good things in your life — there are plenty of them.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You won't have to try too hard today — things just seem to happen in the right way at the right time. Oh that life could always be this simple! But do you really want things to go right all the time? Would you not get bored knowing nothing could ever go wrong? Maybe, but you would still like to give it a try.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you feel exhausted and feel you've pushed yourself beyond your limits, forget it. The best thing you can do today is to stop feeling sorry for yourself, because you have nothing to feel sorry about. On the contrary, rarely have your prospects looked so bright — if only you would open your eyes.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Anything is possible for those who have the courage to use their imagination and the imagination to be courageous. Thought and action are perfectly balanced in your chart at the moment. In short, you can do no wrong. Just make sure you do something, or a wonderful day will be wasted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Loved ones may be a little wary of you today, no doubt because of what you said yesterday and what you've threatened to do tomorrow. But don't let up. You're in control at the moment, so make the most of it. Before the week is out, they will have found the courage to answer back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Are you glad to be alive or just glad to be off the hook? Does it really matter as long as you feel you're making some sort of progress? You should be in a sociable and optimistic mood today. If you aren't, it can only be because you simply can't believe your luck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You don't have to be serious all the time — even Scorpios are allowed to have fun. The best remedy for the rather gloomy phase you've just been through is to do something ridiculous. Don't be afraid to make a fool of yourself — you can easily make up for it tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Keep your ideas to yourself today, especially if you're looking to make money from them. Someone you work or socialize with isn't as honest as he/she appears and, if you confide what you are planning to do, there's every chance that this person will do it first and steal your thunder — and your cash.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If it's true that our thoughts create our world, then no wonder it looks so gloomy. Don't focus on negative things when they are outweighed by positive things. You could just stand there and curse the darkness. Or you could reach out a hand and switch on the light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): What good is being a rebel if you don't have a cause? True, it can be a lot of fun annoying those whose ideas are stuck in the past, but the novelty wears off after a while. Be a rebel today by all means, but don't expect it to make you happy unless it also makes a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Others are looking to you to give them a lead. You, however, are reluctant to start something because you fear it will end in failure. Maybe it will and maybe it won't, but if you don't even try so many people will be disappointed in you. What greater failure could there be than that?

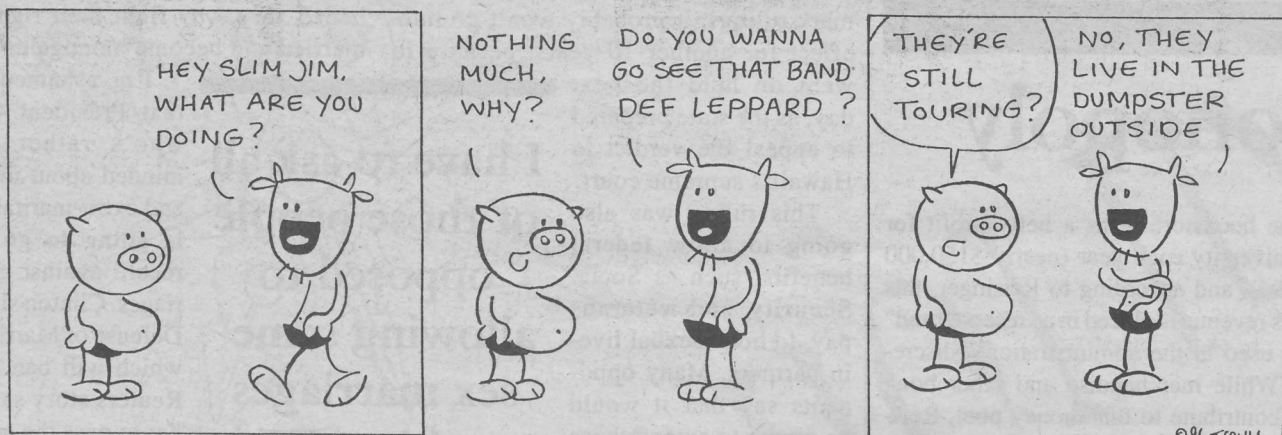
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, December 12

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Pluto and Mars form an explosive aspect on your birthday, but it is a positive one which will be controlled, maybe even creative. Explosions are good for removing obstacles. What obstacle in your life needs to be blown sky high?

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You're under no obligation to follow the herd. Just because everyone else seems content to accept the status quo doesn't mean you have to. Be ruthless with yourself and, if necessary, with those who are moving too slowly.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): There's no reason to change tactics just because your financial situation isn't as stable as you would like it to be. You're closer to success than you think. If you keep your nerve today you'll soon find a way around whatever obstacle is blocking your path.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Don't go back on any harsh words you may have said around the time of Tuesday's New Moon. You were right to be critical, and you will only weaken your case if you now say sorry when the apologies should be coming to you. The facts are on your side, so don't back down.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Do whatever takes your fancy today, but don't waste time on senseless gossip. The more you allow yourself to be engaged in idle conversation the less you'll accomplish, the less you accomplish the angrier you'll get, the angrier you get the more likely it is others will be gossiping about you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You never give up on something once you've started it. And with the planets so well-connected today, you're in no mood to let even money worries deflect you from your objective. When all is said and done, you're tough enough to cope.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You don't enjoy being cruel to be kind, but you're aware there are occasions when you can't let sentiment dictate your decisions. This is one of them. Loved ones may accuse you of ignoring their feelings but someone has to be practical — it may as well be you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): There are people in life you don't get along with and try to avoid. There are others you avoid for no good reason except you're in the habit of doing so. It's this latter group you must focus on. Make the effort to talk to someone you know little about — it will prove amazingly profitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Not only are the best things in life free, they are also easy to come by. No matter what you're doing today there's enjoyment in every direction — and it won't cost you a dime. If someone suggests you might care to make a small donation, remember that what you give comes back a hundred fold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You have a powerful urge to do something different, something you rightly suspect others will frown on because they don't understand it. Don't waste time trying to explain yourself because the truth is others don't really want to know. You don't need to ask anyone's permission to be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It doesn't matter what you believe in, as long as you believe in something. Even no-nonsense Capricorns need a spiritual crutch for when times get tough. Deep down you may question what your heart is telling you but believe it anyway — it will get you through the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Sometimes you have to cut one thing down so that something new and fresh may grow. That is the position in which you now find yourself. It may pain you to say farewell to something — or someone — you have grown used to, but you know it's the only way. Be brave — it will be worth it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You could easily fall out with someone you admire and respect today. If you do you'll immediately regret it. But it isn't a clear cut thing: It's entirely in your own hands whether you're as much good friends this evening as you are right now. Refuse to argue, whatever the provocation.

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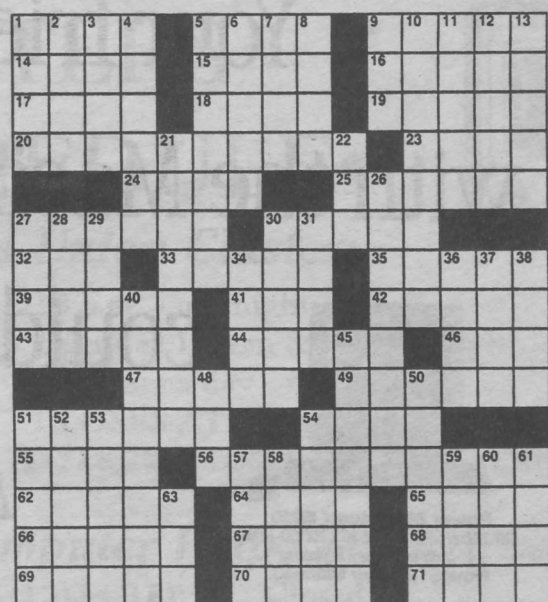
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- 20 Where a student may solve a problem
- 23 "What I Am" singer Brickell
- 24 Actor Lukas of "Witness"
- 25 "Fat" Cosby character
- 27 Using the VCR

DOWN

- 30 Marconi's field
- 32 Hearty brew
- 33 Enter, as a car
- 35 Frontiersman in a coonskin cap
- 39 Party line?
- 41 Fore's counterpart
- 42 Rubber hub
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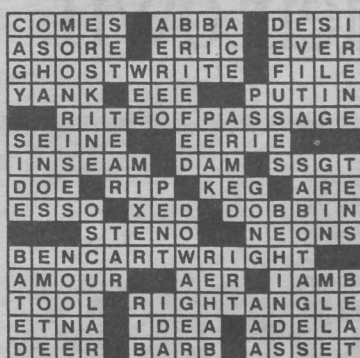
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- 8 Not an idler
- 9 Bond rating
- 10 Place for a student's essay
- 11 Crowd
- 12 Walking — (elated)
- 13 Put back to zero
- 21 Jumpy one
- 22 Pops
- 26 Wine poured to honor a deity
- 27 Diplomat's specialty
- 28 Healing plant
- 29 Teller's partner in magic



Puzzle by Andrew Goldstein

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 30 Biathlon equipment
- 31 Kitty starter
- 34 A little night music
- 36 Mineral rocks
- 37 Memorandum
- 38 Slaughter on the ballfield
- 40 Reward for a student
- 45 Surrounded by
- 48 Sphere
- 50 Nighttime noisemaker
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National News

• Anti-discrimination

Clinton endorses bill on protection of women's rights

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton urged the Senate Tuesday to embrace a 17-year-old treaty barring abuses against women, to show commitment to "the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach."

The president made women's issues the focus of his activities on International Human Rights Day. He met with six women activists and pledged to build upon a commitment he made earlier this year for \$5 million to support women in Bosnia.

"Today, we dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach," Clinton said. "History shows that nations where rights are respected and governments are freely chosen are more likely

to be partners in peace and prosperity."

Clinton urged the Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, a treaty approved by the United Nations in 1979. Many other nations have approved the measure, Clinton noted, and the United States, "where we have worked so hard to empower women," has procrastinated far too long.

"It is, to say the least, an embarrassment that the United States has not done this," Clinton said. "There is no excuse for this situation to continue."

His administration also is pushing \$4 million in new initiatives, including \$1 million toward relief for Rwandan women, \$1

million for an anti-discrimination consortium for Asian women and \$1 million toward empowerment of women in Africa.

The treaty, already ratified by more than 130 nations, was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1979 and signed by President Carter in July 1980.

It was not submitted for Senate approval until November 1980 — after Carter had lost to Ronald Reagan. Neither President Reagan nor his successor, President Bush, sought ratification.

Among other things, the treaty requires that women have equal rights to work,

pay, benefits and safe working conditions. It prohibits discrimination against women in political activities and requires a minimum age for marriage.

Clinton picked up on some of the concerns that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton raised in China a year ago. He thanked his wife for "bringing back to me the knowledge" about efforts on behalf of women and girls.

Last year, at a U.N. conference on women, Mrs. Clinton criticized customs in some parts of the world that routinely victimize women, saying they represent some of the most blatant human rights violations.

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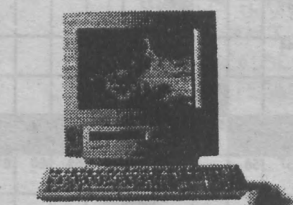
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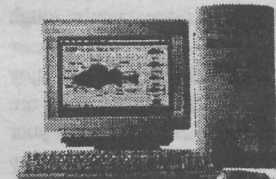
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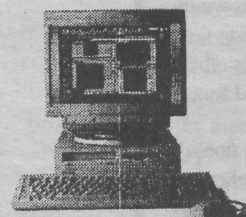
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• Human rights

Infamous Chinese general visits Washington; Republicans bitter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Several senior Republican members of Congress boycotted a Capitol Hill breakfast for the Chinese defense minister today that China had hoped would provide an opening to the GOP-controlled House and Senate.

Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian met privately with lawmakers — most of them Democrats — at a breakfast meeting also attended by former senior U.S. defense and national security officials. Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., a member of the House National Security Committee was there, as well.

Spokesmen for several senior Republicans said the members had no plans to meet with Gen. Chi.

"It would not have been a cordial meeting had it occurred," said Marc Thiessen, spokesman for Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

On Monday, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., dubbed the Chinese general "the butcher of Beijing" for his role as the chief of staff who oversaw the military crackdown on the Tiananmen Square student uprising of 1989.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., ranking Democrat on the foreign relations panel, said the conversation with Chi was "very general" and did not include U.S. concerns about human rights in China. Pell said Chi made clear he hopes to develop an improved relationship between China and the incoming Congress.

"If human rights had come up, it would have brought a hostile element into it," said Pell, himself a staunch human rights advocate. "Do you want that hostile element now or let it wait for further meetings?"

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., called Chi "very forthright and quite candid. It's im-

portant to engage and talk and look for common ground."

"The most important element of the meeting from my perspective was that it took place," said Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va. "Notwithstanding the very significant differences which exist — on missile sales, arms sales, human rights — none of those differences are likely to be solved more easily by avoiding direct contact."

Others attending included Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, two former defense secretaries, Harold Brown and James Schlesinger, and former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. Haig and Schlesinger served Republican presidents.

In meetings Monday with Defense Secretary William Perry, Chi agreed that high-level defense contacts between the United States and China will continue and American warships will keep visiting Hong Kong after China regains sovereignty over the British colony, Pentagon officials said.

Perry and Chi made progress on a range of such military contacts during sessions at the Pentagon on Monday, officials said.

But Perry warned China that continued weapons sales to Iran could backfire if conflict erupts in the region, which China is relying on more and more for oil, said a senior defense official.

Briefing reporters on the talks on condition of anonymity, the official said Chi replied he would "consider the point" but maintained reports of the sales had been exaggerated.

The official said the Chinese consented in principle to allowing U.S. warships to continue visiting Hong Kong after July 1997, when China assumes control. The visits

have been an important source of income for Hong Kong, and are a vital rest stop for sailors in the region.

The general was to speak later today to students at the National Defense University.

He met briefly at the White House Monday with President Clinton. The president told the defense minister he "views our engagement with China as a way to further our cooperation where we can ... and to address our differences where they exist, such as human rights," White House spokesman David Johnson said.

Johnson said there was no substantive discussion of human rights or other contentious matters such as Taiwan or the reported

weapons sales to Pakistan or Iran.

Perry said, "China is one of the great powers of the world. It is critically important for the United States to ... engage China and deal with them on issues that are important not only to the security of the United States and China, but also to the whole Asia-Pacific region."

The 1989 Tiananmen Square conflict touched off a souring of U.S.-China relations, exacerbated by China's human rights and trade records, its aggressive stance toward Taiwan and its international weapons sales.

Chi, who fought against the United States in the Korean War, is known as a hard-liner on U.S. policy.

• Hyperactivity

Possible overprescription of Ritalin concerns lawmakers

CHICAGO (AP)—Doctors use about 2 1/2 times more Ritalin for hyperactive and inattentive children now than in 1990, a far smaller increase than the alarming sixfold rise that some reports have suggested, researchers say.

About 1.5 million young people ages 5 through 18, or 2.8 percent of U.S. school-age children, take the drug for relief from attention and hyperactivity disorders, the researchers reported in the December issue of *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Some politicians and policymakers have suggested that Ritalin is being overprescribed for youngsters.

The new study, led by Dr. Daniel J. Safer of Johns Hopkins University School of Med-

icine in Baltimore, did not address how much Ritalin use is appropriate. But it pronounced some estimates of its use exaggerated.

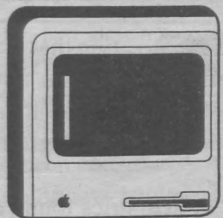
The study was based on regional and national surveys of Ritalin use.

The researchers said recent increases in Ritalin use appear to be due in part to the drug's improved image and children being kept on it longer.

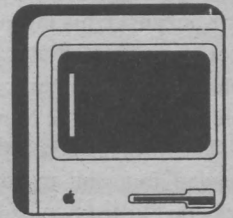
Ritalin, known generically as methylphenidate, calms restlessness, reduces impulsiveness and improves attention in children who have attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD. It is made by Ciba-Geigy and has been sold for about 40 years.

A U.N. agency report in February sug-

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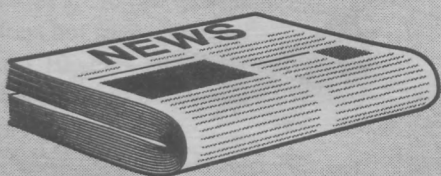
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• Chemical exposure

Military, lawmakers conflict over coverup allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backed by testimony from Gulf War veterans who said they had been exposed to Iraqi chemical weapons, lawmakers accused the Pentagon Tuesday of suppressing information on contamination.

But the head of U.S. operations in the 1991 war, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, repeated in an interview the Pentagon stance that there is no evidence the Iraqis used chemical weapons and emphasized that "there was no cover-up on the part of the military."

That stance was strongly disputed at a

House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee hearing. "Routinely," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., head of the human resources subcommittee, reports of chemical exposures during the war "have been dismissed, discounted, discredited or denied."

Rep. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., a Gulf War veteran, said he hoped Defense Secretary-designate Sen. William Cohen "will clean house with some of the people who have been stonewalling."

Gulf War veterans have spoken often of chemical alarms going off and chemical

agents being detected during the war, but the Pentagon, pointing out that there is no record of a soldier sickened on the field, has consistently said those alarms were false.

That position was altered in May when the Defense Department announced that there was evidence that chemical toxins were stored at a weapons depot in southern Iraq blown up by American troops after the war, and that up to 20,000 service members could have been exposed to low levels of contaminants.

The panel heard testimony from an Army chemical detections expert who said he discovered a vat of blister agents and other chemicals at a Kuwaiti girls' school in October 1991. The panel also heard from a Marine operator of a Fox chemical detection vehicle who spoke of monitoring liquid and vapor chemicals during the fighting and a Marine major who believes the Lou Gehrig's disease that has crippled him is a result of chemical exposure.

The Fox operator, Sgt. George Grass, also said he had detected mustard gas at a weapons depot near the airport outside Kuwait City that contained ammunition boxes with markings from the United States and Holland.

A Nobel Prize-winning geneticist said in a New York Times interview published Monday that he might have to revise the findings of a 1994 study he headed on possible links between chemicals and Gulf War illnesses as a result of the latest Pentagon revelations.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg of Rockefeller University said his study group was unaware of the chemicals at the ammunition dump destroyed by Americans or the seri-

ousness of other chemical detection reports in finding no conclusive evidence of a link between chemicals and illnesses.

"We didn't get all the information, and I don't know where it was," Lederberg said.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Kenneth Bacon stressed that defense officials were unaware of the chemicals at the Kamisiyah weapons dump at the time of the 1994 report. "Had we known it, we would have shared that information with Dr. Lederberg. There was no effort to withhold information."

Bacon also announced that the Army has begun soliciting proposals on research studies that would "focus on the impact of low-level exposure" of chemical weapons. It was announced in September that the Pentagon and Congress had designated \$15 million for such research.

Schwarzkopf, speaking on NBC's "Today" show, said the chemical agent most used by the Iraqis, sarin, "is the type that causes immediate casualties. ... It's not the type of thing that causes very, very long-term things."

He said that based on available information, "it's hard for me to believe" that health problems afflicting veterans are due to chemical weapons.

But Marine Maj. Randy Hebert, whose words had to be translated by his wife and father because he is suffering from the nerve disorder known as Lou Gehrig's disease, said chemical alarms went off as soon as the attack on Iraqi positions began and he is sure chemicals caused his health problems.

Pentagon officials, he said, "don't want to be held responsible for all the people who are now sick and for the ones who have died."

• Unabomber trial

Kaczynski pleads innocent; death penalty considered

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Unabomber suspect Theodore J. Kaczynski pleaded innocent today via video to charges he sent the mail bomb that killed an advertising executive exactly two years ago.

Kaczynski's plea from California was made through a live hookup to the federal courthouse here, where Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise presided in a courtroom packed with spectators, journalists and court workers.

Among those present was Susan Mosser, whose 50-year-old husband, Thomas, was killed when he opened a package containing a bomb on Dec. 10, 1994, in his northern New Jersey home.

In Sacramento, where Kaczynski has been jailed since early summer, the U.S. Marshals Service moved Kaczynski to the county public defender's office for the cross-country arraignment.

Kaczynski, his lawyers and security officers were seated at a table in the public defender's law library, said Mike Nelson, chief deputy for the Marshals' office.

The former Berkeley math professor has pleaded innocent to four Unabomber attacks that killed two people in Sacramento.

Prosecutors have said they hope to decide before January whether to seek the death penalty, which Kaczynski could also face for the two California bombing deaths.

Debevoise also heard arguments on a defense request to transfer the New Jersey case to Sacramento, where a November trial date has been set. Kaczynski's lawyers are seeking a single trial there on all the Unabomber charges.

Prosecutors last week objected to a transfer, and proposed that Debevoise set a June 30 trial date on the New Jersey charges. They said it could be finished in time for the November trial in California.

Debevoise reserved decision on the transfer request, and rejected a June 30 trial date as unrealistic. He said if he decides not to transfer the New Jersey case, that trial would follow the California trial.

Kaczynski, 54, left a promising academic career and became a hermit. He was arrested April 3 at his spartan cabin in Lincoln, Mont., and is being held without bail.

Federal authorities believe he used bombs to kill three people and injure 23 others between 1978 and 1995.

In a letter published in The New York Times on April 26, 1995, the Unabomber wrote that "we blew up Thomas Mosser" because he was an executive with Burson-Marsteller. The letter said the company helped Exxon clean up its public image after the Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

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Ritalin

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gested 3 percent to 5 percent of U.S. youngsters were on the drug. The Drug Enforcement Administration has been quoted as saying production and use of Ritalin increased nearly sixfold from 1990 to 1995.

The researchers, however, said the DEA production figures did not reflect actual use.

Dr. Larry B. Silver, a psychiatry professor at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington who was not involved in the latest study, however, said that its findings are valid and that reports of overprescription of Ritalin are, indeed, exaggerated.

Ritalin is being given more often because of an improved ability to recognize

ADHD, because of a realization that many cases of the disorder extend into adulthood and because the fear that Ritalin could stunt growth has proved groundless, he said.

A related study in Pediatrics found that motorists with ADHD are much more likely to be ticketed for speeding, be involved in traffic accidents and have their licenses revoked than are other people.

The study, led by Russell R. Barkley of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, compared 25 drivers ages 17 through 30 with ADHD and 23 young adults without the disorder.

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Sports Page

Sports Briefs

Baseball names captains

ORONO — Nick Caiazzo, Jeff Longo and Garrett Quinn have been selected as captains for the 1997 University of Maine baseball team.

"I'm proud of the selection of these three captains," first-year head coach Paul Kostacopoulos said. "Jeff, Nick and Garrett will represent this program the way we want it represented. They'll do a fine job leading this team."

Caiazzo led the team last season with 15 doubles. A senior, he's expected to become Maine's catcher in the spring after playing first base last year. He's hit 21 home runs in his first three years.

Longo led last year's team with 33 RBIs and was named to the America East Academic Honor Roll. After playing most of the 1996 season in right field, Longo returns to first base in the 1997, where he made just two errors in 273 chances as a sophomore.

Quinn has been Maine's top reliever the last two seasons.

Robinson wants one more

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) — With his team dogged by scandal and a losing record, 77-year-old coach Eddie Robinson wants one more season, a 56th year at Grambling, and a chance to go out a winner.

"Then that's it. Then, I'll walk away as a coach. If I win, fine. If I don't, well, then I'll feel OK that at least my concerns had been considered," Robinson said in an interview published Tuesday in The Ruston (La.) Daily Leader.

Robinson's wife told The Associated Press on Tuesday that her husband hoped to meet with university president Raymond Hicks to discuss the situation. Hicks returned Tuesday from an out-of-town meeting but the university would not say whether he met with Robinson.

Hicks told Robinson he wanted him to step down as head coach and assume a vice-president's post, first sending the coach a letter delivered by courier, then in a face-to-face meeting last week.

"He called Eddie into his office and told him what's what," Robinson's wife, Doris, told The AP on Tuesday.

Robinson is college football's winningest coach with a record of 405-157-15. He has only seven losing seasons but four of them have come in the last 10 years and, for the first time, he has suffered through back-to-back losing seasons.

Last April, the NCAA began investigating allegations of rules violations in the football program. And last month, four players were arrested and charged with the dormitory rape of a 15-year-old girl after Grambling's homecoming victory against Alabama State.

Robinson, regarded as one of college football's best teachers, sent more than 200 players to the NFL, including Doug Williams, the first black quarterback to start in a Super Bowl.

• Ice hockey

Cronin resigns from Maine

Interim head coach leaves for USA Hockey

By Larry Rogers
Sports Writer

University of Maine interim head hockey coach Greg Cronin announced Monday he leave the hockey program permanently to accept a full-time position with USA Hockey.

Cronin, 32, has accepted a job as assistant coach of the USA Hockey's Elite Development Program.

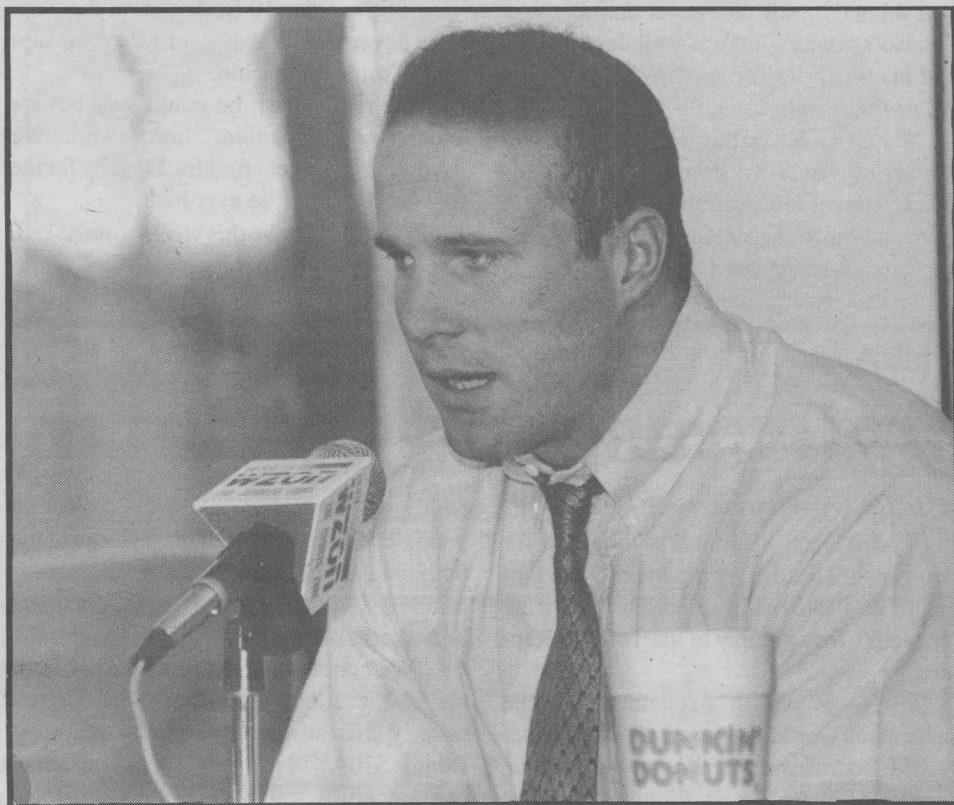
A teary-eyed Cronin addressed the media during the afternoon, after holding an emotional team meeting with the players to inform them of his decision earlier in the day.

"It was difficult to look into their eyes and tell them I'm leaving," he said. "That's why I stayed, I stayed here for them and not for anyone else. Now I've got to close this chapter and move on."

He said he considered taking the USA Hockey job last August but then talked it over with UMaine Athletics Director Suzanne Tyler and decided to stay until December.

"We sat down and (Tyler and) I spoke about my future and where I wanted to be two or three years from now," Cronin said. "The question I wrestled with was what would be best for the kids. I didn't think leaving here in August would be healthy for the team, the program and more importantly for the players."

Cronin took over as interim head coach Dec. 24, 1995, when head coach Shawn Walsh was suspended for one year by the



Greg Cronin announced his resignation from the University of Maine hockey team to pursue a job with USA Hockey. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

university for committing several NCAA violations.

UMaine assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Grant Standbrook will coach the team at the J.C. Penney Classic at Alford Arena Dec. 20-21 before Walsh returns Dec. 24.

Cronin, known for speaking his mind to the media, compiled a 19-13-2 record during that span, including a 12-6-1 mark over the second half of last season and an appearance in the Hockey East championship game.

Maine is 7-7-1 this season.

Cronin said staying as an assistant when Walsh returns Dec. 24 would have been a difficult transition.

"There's no question it would have been difficult," Cronin said. "You go from calling the shots to running everything — whether it's practices to fund-raising events to whatever — and then having to take a step down and sit in the shadows."

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• Column

Sometimes leaving is the hardest thing



By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

As he left the Dexter Lounge after informing the media of his resignation from the University of Maine hockey team, Greg Cronin stopped to talk to his players.

"You're a good player," Cronin told freshman Corey Larose. "You played real well this weekend, and I wanted to tell you you're a good player before I left."

Monday wasn't an easy day for Cronin. He was visibly upset as he told the media of his plans to become an assistant coach for USA Hockey. He had to leave his "family," and it wasn't something he liked doing. When the opportunity for Cronin to leave came in August, it was something he discussed at length with Maine Athletics Director Suzanne Tyler.

"The one question we wrestled with and the one thing that lended itself to me staying was what was best for the kids," Cronin said. "I didn't feel as though leaving here in August would be helpful to the team, to the program

and most importantly, it wouldn't be healthy for the players."

Now, after it all, Cronin is leaving. He's leaving to better himself and possibly to better hockey in the United States. So once again, the players are left, as Cronin called them, "orphans." For the second time in as many years the Black Bears are left in transition, from one coach to another.

When Tim Lovell, Blair Allison, Brad Mahoney, Brett Clark and Jeff Tory left for greener pastures, Cronin expressed displeasure.

"It's difficult to assess that through this whole situation we've had a strong family network," Cronin said. "I think last season's record was a reflection of a good job of bonding this team can do."

"Given that relationship, anytime you lose people, the human loss is more crippling than the points or individual success."

Does Cronin's departure make him any better than those five players who left when times got tough?

Actually, none of them is wrong. Each had a chance to do something to go further in their pursuit of a career in hockey. It may not have been the best thing for the "family," but sometimes you just have to do what's best for your future.

By going to USA Hockey, Cronin is allow-

ing himself a chance to move closer to pro hockey. He'll allow himself a chance to coach in the Olympics and to possibly coach in the NHL. When Allison, Tory and Clark left for the Canadian national team, they were giving themselves a better chance at playing pro hockey.

"We had five guys here who left to pursue their dreams, and I can see where Coach Cro is in the same boat," senior Reg Cardinal said. "Coach is going on to pursue one of his dreams."

"He is not orphaning us, like he said. He's been with us for the last 11 months. We all have our own personal goals."

While Cronin, who Cardinal called a player's coach, had strong relationships with his players, he knew what was best for himself at this point in time. He cried yesterday when he informed his players, and was obviously hurting after their meeting. He may not have wanted to leave those players, and maybe, in this situation he shouldn't have. But he did, and he did the right thing for his future.

"You can't measure that experience," Cronin said of the possibility of coaching in the 1998 Winter Olympics. "This is going to allow my network to grow and lend more credibility to my ability to coach pro hockey."

Cronin left his family, but not without giving them a proper goodbye.

Cronin

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Cronin kept the same systems Walsh used and said he tried to change little when he took over.

"Let's face the facts, you lose a little bit of bite when your position is interim in nature," Cronin said. "You don't have the same authority as you would have if it was a permanent position, you don't have the same latitude to make creative decisions if you wanted to. I would never do it because (Walsh's) success here is well documented and his blueprint for success is something I'll never deviate from."

"I've always said this is his program, and I never moved down from my office to his office, I never felt comfortable doing that. I have that much respect for him as a coach."

Senior captain Reg Cardinal said Cronin had an excellent relationship with the players.

"I enjoyed his company," Cardinal said. "He took a real personal interest in all the players. He worked out with us in the weight room and his door was always open—he was a real player's coach. He's been real influential to me."

"It was pretty emotional when we found out he was leaving."

First-year forward Cory Larose, who like most of the other 10 freshmen on the team have never met Walsh, said everyone supports Cronin's decision.

"We really wish he could stay but we understand his position," Larose said. "We have a ton of respect for him. He is by far the best head coach I've ever had."

Cronin will leave this week to assist U.S. National Junior Team head coach and senior director to the Elite Development Program,

Jeff Jackson, in two exhibition games in Germany Dec. 21-22 and at the World Junior Tournament in Switzerland from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4.

"The opportunity to come on board as a full-time member of the USA national coaching staff is a terrific opportunity and an upward step," he said. "The sky's the limit with it."

His main responsibility will be evaluating talent and putting together two elite U.S. junior teams, one made up of 16- and 17-year-olds and another team of 18- and 19-year-olds. Cronin will likely coach one of the two.

He will also assist Jackson with the national team at the World Championships in April, a team comprised mostly of NHL players, and will get a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to help coach the U.S. team in

the 1988 Winter Olympics in Japan.

Cronin said he hopes the experience will ultimately help him achieve his goal of coaching in the NHL some day.

"It's very difficult to go from college to professional hockey," Cronin said. "They still have a stereotype that college hockey is this amateur sport that they don't think has a lot of credibility in the (college) coaching world. This is an opportunity to bridge that gap."

Cronin has been an assistant coach at Maine since 1993. He also served as a graduate assistant from 1988-1990. He was an assistant at Colorado College from 1990 to 1993, including a one-month stint as co-head coach.

"I think I'll close the door, for now, temporarily on college hockey," Cronin said. "I've seen enough of the NCAA for awhile."

• NBA

Bulls suspend Rodman

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls suspended Dennis Rodman without pay for two games Tuesday, citing his profane language in a television interview following the team's loss Sunday to the Toronto Raptors.

The Bulls said in a statement that the suspension would go into effect immediately, with Rodman missing Wednesday's game against Minnesota and Friday's game at New Jersey.

"Dennis' use of foul and abusive language and the embarrassment he caused the

Chicago Bulls organization by subjecting young children and loyal fans to his profane outburst cannot and will not be tolerated," said Jerry Krause, the Bulls' vice president of basketball operations.

"We condemn in every way what Dennis said and the words he used," Krause said. "This suspension, which will cost Dennis \$104,878 in salary, speaks out about our concern."

Krause said that the team would donate

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• Men's hoops

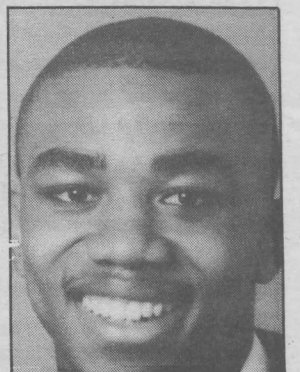
Depth concerns Black Bears

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

Terry Hunt wasn't supposed to play against Husson, yet he was forced into action because Husson unexpectedly challenged Maine. He scored 21 points.

Three days later, Hunt led the Black Bears to their first conference win, scoring 19 points as the Black Bears downed Hofstra 81-73. Sunday, Hunt again scored 21 points, this time in a 71-57 loss to Drexel.

Hunt also averaged nine rebounds over those three games, despite playing with a painful hip pointer he suffered in the Great Alaska Shootout. For his efforts, Hunt was named America East Player of the Week.



Terry Hunt. (File Photo.)

"Terry Hunt has been playing with a lot of discomfort. That hip pointer is a significant injury," Maine head coach John Giannini said.

The lack of depth in the Black Bears lineup makes it imperative Hunt be able to play. Forward Ramone Jones' status is questionable for this weekend's games against Youngstown State after he sprained his ankle last Sunday against Drexel. Bryan James has also been out with the mononucleus. Giannini has said repeatedly his team simply doesn't have the depth to recover from injuries.

Maine added depth to its roster with the addition of the football team's starting quarterback, Mickey Fein. Fein joined the Black Bears just days before the Husson game.

Tough road to travel

Orono is the most northeastern school in Division I. Hofstra (New York) and Drexel (Pennsylvania) have the longest road to travel of any America East team, yet the Dragons have enjoyed a lot of success in Maine, going 12-6, including winning four of the

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• Women's basketball

Back on winning track, Black Bears look to keep rolling

By Josh Nason
Sports Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team got on the winning track last weekend, derailing America East opponents Hofstra and Drexel. The Bears now stand at 3-3 overall and are tied for first in America East at 2-0.

Maine defeated the Dragons 55-45 Saturday afternoon. The 55 points were the lowest total scored since 1994 when they beat Delaware 53-51. Cindy Blodgett's 17 points were the least she has thrown in during an America East contest in almost two years. Stacey Porrini continued her hot streak with her second double-double of the year with 10 points and 15 rebounds, the second highest amount in America East last week.

As a result of the Black Bear's latest two conference wins, they have now won 30 in a row, dating back to January 1995, when they lost to Boston University 75-72. They are two wins away from breaking the record of 31 straight set by the 1991-94 Vermont teams, which, ironically, started and ended with a win and a loss to Maine. The Bears get their chance to tie the record Jan. 2 against Northeastern and break it Jan. 4 against the team they last lost to, Boston University.

The next three weeks will be busy for the Bears, as they head into action against Western Kentucky Saturday, and are off for a week before beginning a three-game road stretch that includes a stop in Portland for a match-up with the Rhode Island Rams and a date in the

Big Four Classic with games against North Carolina and Wake Forest. After that begins the brunt of the America East schedule, as the rest of their games will be with conference opponents.

Regarding the challenging schedule ahead, Maine head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie said while the team likes playing in the atmosphere of Alford Arena, being away from home for a while might be good.

"I love how this team responds to challenges, and we have plenty in front of us, and that playing away in different places can only help us," Palombo said.

While on paper the upcoming stretch looks like it may set the tone for the rest of the regular season and postseason, because most of the games will be against national-level opponents, Palombo doesn't look at it that way.

"Regardless of outcomes, we're going to have plenty of positives to pull. If we win, great. That's going to be sort of an obvious positive. If we don't pull things through, we'll be in a situation to once again reflect and say, 'O.K., we've got to change this and this,'" Palombo said.

Black Bear Notes: Porrini needs 106 points to reach 1,000 for her career and join the 40 other players in America East history that have done so. She also needs four blocked shots to tie a school record of 147 for a career... Blodgett is currently tied for first in the conference in scoring with Sheila Danker of UNH, at 23.2 points a game. She is also sixth in field-goal percentage, fifth in three-point percentage and fourth in free throw percentage.



Joanne Palombo looks to lead the Black Bears to their 31st straight conference win. (Geyerhahn File Photo.)

• Golf

Masters more special than Tiger

(AP)—The problem with history is that it gets old quickly.

In an information age where sensory overload is a way of life, the most recent image burned into the brain pushes everything else aside and takes on an importance out of whack with reality.

So with all due respect to Tiger Woods, here's an argument that the most compelling moment in golf in 1996 was something out of ancient history, something that happened way back in April—the Masters.

Certainly, Woods emerged on the PGA Tour with more drama and ballyhoo than anyone in the history of golf. But part of that was because this is an era of more ballyhoo in general.

Certainly, the unprecedented third consecutive U.S. Amateur championship by Woods was great drama. But it was the \$40 million Nike deal that really pushed him out of the sports pages and onto the front page.

And certainly two victories in his first seven events as a pro were impressive achievements,

though sometimes lost in the accomplishment was the fact they occurred on courses perfectly suited for Woods' game and at a time of the year when the best players either weren't playing or had little motivation.

The round of golf that will endure as long as people talk about the game was played on a sunny Sunday afternoon at Augusta National Golf Club—a venue familiar with such drama—by Nick Faldo and Greg Norman.

"I hope I'm remembered for shooting 67 and not for what happened to Greg," Faldo said after he came from six strokes back to beat Norman in the Masters. "But, obviously, this will be remembered for what happened to Greg."

Yes, that round will be remembered for the 78 Norman shot on Sunday. And yes, it will also be remembered for the emotional chord Norman touched in sports fans with his straightforward acceptance of defeat.

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the \$104,878 to charity "so that some good may come out of this situation."

In an profanity-filled diatribe after he was ejected Sunday night in Toronto, Rodman criticized both league officials and the NBA front office. He said NBA referees were being kept "in diapers" by NBA Commissioner David Stern.

A local cable channel ran the interview without editing out Rodman's profanities.

Krause said the Bulls "appreciate that NBA referees have a very difficult job to do and perform it in a professional manner."

"We expect Dennis and all of our players to respect the job they do and to act in accordance with NBA rules and decent behavior," Krause said.

Rodman was suspended by the NBA for six games last season after he head-butted an official during a game.

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last five games.

"Coming up here to play is difficult. It's a tough trip," Drexel head coach Bill Herrion said.

Herrion would know. He's been making the trip to Maine at least once in 10 of the last 11 years. The first five (1985- '86 to '89- '90) he spent at Boston University as an assistant to Mike Jarvis. In 1990 he went

with Jarvis to George Washington University for a year, before taking the head coaching job at Drexel.

"I think it's the travel the weather. When it's snowing and raining, your kids get locked in the hotel room, and their minds get off the game of basketball," he said.

Herrion's last loss in Orono was Feb. 26, 1994.

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"Maybe these hiccups that I have, that I inflict on myself, are meant for another reason," Norman said after finishing second in a major championship for the eighth time. "Maybe something good is waiting for me down the line."

But the other aspect of that Masters that will emerge over time and take its rightful place in history is the great round played by Faldo. It was brilliantly conceived and perfectly executed.

Faldo played with enormous control and patience under the intense pressure of

the final round.

"My mouth was so dry I was drinking water on every hole," Faldo said about his nerves.

The pressure, however, never knocked Faldo off his game. He took what the course would give, making birdies on all four par-5 holes, and never tried to attack sucker pin positions.

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